

Upcoming Events

Kite Flying
April 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Chickasaw White House, Emet, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Pinch Pots Class
April 9, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351

National Libraries Week
April 10-16
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

Corn Husk Dolls
April 16, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House Museum, Tishomingo
(580) 371-3351

Patta Butcher Silk Paint
April 16, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios, Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Earth Day Celebration
April 22
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Patta Butcher Silk Paint
April 30, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios, Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Plein Air Painting
April 22-24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios, Sulphur
(580) 622-8040

Spring Music Concert
April 23, 6:30 p.m.
McSwain Theatre, Ada, Okla.
(580) 272-5520

Moccasin Class
April 23, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House Museum, Tishomingo
(580) 371-3351

Toloowa Music Fair
April 23
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Chickasaw Art Market
April 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol, Tishomingo
(580) 371-3351

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On the Plaza in Sulphur

3rd Annual Artesian Arts Festival set for May 28

SULPHUR, Okla. – More than 5,000 art lovers are expected to stream into Sulphur Saturday, May 28, for the third annual Artesian Arts Festival.

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting the Memorial Day weekend arts festival at the Artesian Plaza. A community celebration of all forms of art, Native American artists and art are the main focus of the festival.

The Artesian Arts Festival begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m.

The event features diverse art media and a variety of visual art such as paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, metalworking, bead work, textiles and pottery.

Organizers are accepting 90 Native artists for the 2016 Artesian Arts Festival.

Open to artists from all federally recognized tribes, artists will compete in as many as 21 categories.

Cash awards will be presented for first, second and third place in each category, as well as “Best of Show.”

Esteemed artists representing 10 states and a wide variety of Native American tribes will be participating in the Artesian Arts Festival. Artists scheduled to participate include Chickasaw textile artists Margaret Roach Wheeler and Maya Stew-

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Artesian Arts Festival patrons enjoy a wide array of Native art, live music and plenty of food selection.

Chikasha Ittafama

Annual Chickasaw Reunion invites all to attend May 13-14 at Kullihoma



Stomp dancing is always a main event at Chikasha Ittafama.

KULLIHOMA – Archery, stickball, stomp dancing, fellowship and much more are planned May 13-14 at the Annual Chikasha Ittafama (Reunion) at Kullihoma.

Spring is a season for renewal for Chickasaws who will be hunting wild onions, morel mushrooms and other edibles, just as their ancestors did more than 170 years ago. The tribe first arrived in Indian Territory in 1837 following removal from its ancestral homelands in the Southeast.

A schedule of events will be available soon.

The reunion kicks off May 13 at approximately 6 p.m. A meal, prayers and stomp dance are planned that evening.

A full day of tradition, cul-

ture and fun is slated May 14 with youth and adult cornstalk shoot competitions, horseshoes, Native American games such as “Chunky” and artistic and educational demonstrations about the Chickasaw Nation. The noon meal will feature staples of the Chickasaw people, from pashofa to fry bread.

A second evening of stomp dancing will get underway at sunset and traditional stickball competitions are planned. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Kullihoma is located 10 miles east of Ada on state Highway 1. Signs are clearly marked showing how to reach Kullihoma.

For additional information, contact Chickasaw Nation Culture and History Department at (580) 436-2603 for write amber.fox@chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw bowyer’s art featured in ‘The Revenant’

Chickasaw bowyer Eric Smith’s work makes a dramatic appearance very early in the Academy Award-winning movie, “The Revenant.” You won’t see Mr. Smith’s face on screen. It’s his work that makes a big impact. Mr. Smith made the arrows that slam into the fur traders’ camp as the Arikara warriors launch their violent attack.

Mr. Smith, of Lawton, Okla., also made the bows the warriors carry during several subsequent appearances in the film.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Smith was helping revitalize an important part of Chickasaw culture.

“Bow making is an essential part of Chickasaw culture that has been passed down from generation to generation for centuries,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “It is gratifying to know that Eric Smith is practicing the craft he learned from his grandfather and passing that knowledge on to others.”

The bowyer has been making Native American style bows and arrows for more than 30 years, shipping them to collectors, galleries and museums all over the world. “The Revenant” marks the first time he has contributed to a major motion picture.

He said he had turned down a previous request from a filmmaker. That filmmaker, he said, didn’t understand his commitment to authenticity. The makers of “The Revenant,” he said, showed more respect for Native American culture.

“What impressed me about the whole experience was they wanted everything to be historically accurate,” Mr. Smith said. “I had to respect this project because they were wanting to represent Native people accurately by using the right equipment, the right tools.”

In his quest for historical accuracy, Mr. Smith crafted the bows from Osage orange and black locust wood. He used dogwood for the arrows and pre-1900 bar-

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Games of stickball are a popular activity at Chikasha Ittafama.



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art, renowned Cherokee potter Jane Osti, award-winning Chickasaw bladesmith Daniel Worcester, Tim Tate Nevaquaya, and many more.

Dozens of booths lining Muskogee Street in Sulphur will display works of the artists. Art-

ists will also be demonstrating, sharing or discussing their craft in the ARTesian Art Gallery throughout the day.

The daylong festival will also highlight a variety of musical entertainment, tribal dance demonstrations and regalia.

Bands will provide continuous entertainment on two stages. The musical lineup for the event includes a range of entertainment including children's music, alternative rock, pop, Latin pop, country and more.

Four Native Dance troupes in-



The Artesian Plaza is a welcoming and spacious venue for Artesian Arts Festival attendees.



Pottery creation demonstrations are a popular stop at the Artesian Arts Festival.

cluding the Chickasaw Nation Stomp Dancers, Native American Hoop Dance, the Pueblo Enchantment Dancers and Magic Circle Entertainment are scheduled to demonstrate and share native dances.

Food trucks and food booths serving festival fare such as roasted corn, kettle corn, Indian Tacos, barbecue, funnel cakes, ice cream and more are planned for the Artesian Arts Festival.

A special area for children's activities and a senior citizens' arts and crafts booth are also planned for the day.

Open to the public at no charge, the Artesian Arts Festival welcomed more than 4,500 to last year's festival.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

The Artesian Plaza is located adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street.

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rel hoops for the points. Animal sinew and turkey feathers were used for the fletching.

Soon after that project began, he received a request to make bows and arrows for the upcoming HBO series, "Lewis and Clark."

Mr. Smith enjoys working on the film projects, but he didn't seek the jobs.

"It's never been my goal to make bows and arrows for Hollywood," he said. "And it was never my goal to make bows for people. 'But after I started making them, people would see my work and say, 'I would like to have something like that, or my dad would like that.' Then word kind of spread around so I started a website years and years ago."

The orders grew and he began making bows and arrows full time. Since then, he has shipped bows to 50 states and 26 countries around the world.

That eventually led to the request to supply bows and arrows for "The Revenant." Initially, he was somewhat skeptical.

"I received an email one day - I wasn't sure if it was legit or not, but it said, 'hey, we're making a movie and we would like buy a bow and arrow from you to see it as a prototype.'"

After some discussion, he sent a bow and arrow representing the type used by the Arikara people in the 1820s. Working with assistant property master Michelle Hendriksen, he eventually sent 37 bows and 300 arrows to be used in the film.

It was a big order, but Mr. Smith was prepared because he cuts wood year round and had a stockpile of bow staves to work with. He and his apprentice worked 10 to 12 hours a day making bows of Bois d'arc and black locust and arrows of dogwood for the project. After many of those long days, he would take his work home, often fletching the arrows with turkey feathers and animal sinew long into the night.

An Early Beginning

Mr. Smith started whittling on pieces of Bois 'darc, he said, when he was only six. That is when his grandfather, Austin Dennis, began teaching him the art of bow-making. Mr. Smith made his first bow in 1984, at age nine.

"I was so excited," he said. "I was

nine years old and I set up a big box and pretended that box was a buffalo. I put that arrow on that bowstring and pulled it back and let it go and sent it all the way through that box. I was the happiest kid in the world at that moment."

He continued to make bows and arrows. He also began researching the history of archery and the different bows and arrows made by Indian people.

He has made Chickasaw bows, as well as bows of sheep horn and elk antlers that may have been used by Indian tribes of the Northwest and other types of bows made by other tribes across the country. He currently specializes in making Plains Indian-style bows.

"Some people call and say they would like a Southern Plains style-bow, and they are usually talking about the Kiowa or the Comanche, but they could also be talking about a Sioux-style bow," he said. "What people don't understand - they think, if it's a Sioux bow it could only be made from wood found in the Sioux territory, or if it's a Comanche bow, it could only be one that was found in the southern plains in Comanche territory."

"I have to explain to people all the time that bow staves and arrow shafts and finished bows were money and they were traded. So, when you speak of the Plains bow, it is general. It is not that the Kiowa bow was made this way and the Comanche bow was made this way."

"It wasn't just one design for one tribe that no other tribe used. Bows were also captured in war and conquest. One tribe copied off of another."

During the time Osage Orange, also called Bois d'arc, was most common in the Red River basin, he said, bows made with the wood could be found as far away as North Dakota or Montana because of extensive trade between tribes.

Teaching a new generation

After years of making bows and arrows full time for years, Mr. Smith decided it was time to shift gears. In 2011, he accepted a job with the Bureau of Indian Education at Riverside School in

Anadarko, Okla.

The last year he made bows full time before going to work at Riverside, he made 117 bows and more than 500 hand-made arrows.

"Finally, I just kind of burned myself out and the opportunity came for me to work for the Bureau and I took it," he said.

Working at the school was a wake-up call for Mr. Smith. He had spent the better part of his life going to powwows, stomp

very into their culture, but for the most part they aren't," he said. "So, it was a real shock to me. I thought our culture is going to die with this generation. It's going to die and it's going to be over with."

"The only thing that identifies us as who we are is our culture. Our language, our song and dance and when we lose that, we're no different than anybody else. We're just another group of people."

ent tribal customs, different beliefs, different song and dance, but the one thing we all have in common is the bow and arrow. We all used bows and arrows."

His class, as bow-making itself, helped students learn patience. He even took his students into the woods to cut the tree.

"We're going to go out and we're going to find the perfect tree, and it's not going to be easy," Mr. Smith tells his students. "This tree is not going to give himself up easily. We're going to have to go out and look for it."

"We're going to have to be really patient, because we're going to cut this tree in half, then we're going to quarter this tree and we're going to split these quarters into bow staves. Then, we've got to put them up for a year, before we can even touch them, so we have to be patient."

Every student who has taken the class has successfully made a bow and arrow, and the benefits of the class, he said, go much deeper. Many of the students have also taught younger relatives how to make bows.

"So this knowledge of making bows was spread and I know some of them taught their nieces or nephews, or little brothers or sisters," he said. "So this spark that we ignited. Maybe it will start a fire and get our kids excited about being Indian again."

"What's so funny is the boarding schools were made to take the Indian out of the Indian, when they were originated, but now they focus on the culture and tradition. The Indian school perspective now is 'let's get some of the culture back. Let's teach them their culture.' It's completely turned around from what it used to be. And I'm glad to be a part of it."

"I am so proud of our Chickasaw people who have put our language down on video and DVD, and in books. They're preserving our cooking and our pottery making and our art. I just think it's our responsibility to preserve that in any way we can, because it's who we are."

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Chickasaw bowyer Eric Smith has spent much of his life developing his specialized craft.

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Happiness is found by following a few simple rules



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
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An American media company has recently compiled a mountain of information on an issue of importance to all Americans.

The issue is happiness!
Virtually everyone seeks and desires happiness in their lives. In today’s American culture, this profoundly important commodity has become more difficult to collect. Even our U.S. Constitution guarantees our “pursuit of happiness,” but actually capturing a bit of it has become more of a challenge.

The company put together papers, findings, interviews and other data from experts and researchers from across the country. Here’s what they found.

The keys to true happiness are:

- *Make your friends and family priorities in your life.*
Sounds easy, right? Simply value those you love and seek to spend more time with them and develop deeper relationships. The pace and demands of today’s world are the stumbling blocks. You must allow time for your primary relationships to grow and mature. Researchers found happiness increased for many people over weekends. The people who were happiest participated in activities with family and friends.
- *Be grateful.*

The research concluded that if you approach all your experiences with an attitude of gratitude, you can find happiness in just about anything. In the old days, we called this “counting your blessings.” Life certainly presents many challenges along the way, but if you bring to the front of your mind the basic things for which you are grateful, life goes much better.

- *Take good care of your health.*
This one is pretty obvious, but it is apparent that many Americans don’t focus much on their physical and mental health. We all know the advice about eating a good diet, exercising and getting enough sleep. But do we really follow this advice? Once we make our health a priority, it drives our daily choices. Having a healthy mind and body are probably the top fundamental contributors to overall happiness.
- *Don’t obsess over things.*

How many times have you encountered a setback, then spent many hours reliving the event, or even trying to go back and repair something that is unrepairable? Often, it is better to pick yourself up and move ahead. There are plenty

of good things waiting for you! Obsession has the impact of robbing us of valuable time, energy and potential. We can focus on what makes us happy rather than what has caused us distress.

- *Don’t try to “engineer” happy.*
There are now American companies and other organizations that engage “fun officers” or “ministers of the happy.” This kind of forced happiness, according to the research, can actually elicit the opposite response. You know what makes you truly happy, and those are the things on which to spend your energy.
- *Happy kids are successful kids.*
The research indicates happy kids learn faster, think more creatively, are more resilient, have stronger relationships and make friends easily. Support your kids and help them find happiness!
- *Just say “yes!”*

We all encounter days when we don’t feel great, when the pressure is on for one reason or another. Your attitude is the key to everything. Even though you may be down, say “yes” to a positive attitude. That means simply approaching the day with gratitude, gladness and openness. Research indicated that even those who put on a false front of happiness initially soon saw their mood become sunnier.

Our personal happiness is the key to a fulfilling life. This compilation shows the things to make you happy are probably right in front of you. With just a little effort, and a good attitude, we can have much success in our common pursuit of happiness!

Chickasaw anthropologist named UCLA Indian Studies Center director

LOS ANGELES – A Chickasaw academic has recently been appointed to a key Native American studies post in the Los Angeles area.

Dr. Shannon Speed has been named director of the American Indian Studies Center at the University of California-Los Angeles. UCLA additionally has appointed her as tenured faculty in the departments of gender studies and anthropology.

Dr. Speed assumed her new duties January 1. She comes to UCLA from the University of Texas-Austin, where she served five years as director of that institution’s Native American and Indigenous Studies program.

Dr. Speed said she was honored to be joining the team at UCLA.

“The American Indian Studies Center is a historic institution,” she said. “It is a vibrant space in which different research approaches, intellectual traditions and knowledge practices are placed in conversation. It’s a place where our understandings can extend across disciplinary and epistemological boundaries, harnessing the excitement of the moment in Native Studies and in changing the city of Los Angeles. I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to be a part of that process.”

Dr. Speed grew up in the Los Angeles area. Her grandparents, Samuel J. Speed (Chickasaw) and Josephine Otilie Reichert (Choc-taw), left their family allotment

lands in 1930 for California. Dr. Speed’s father, William J. Speed, raised his seven children in Los Angeles.



DR. SHANNON SPEED

Dr. Speed was named the Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year in 2013, and she is a long-time member of the Central Texas Chickasaw Community Council.

During her time at the University of Texas-Austin, she made a closer connection with her tribe. “The Chickasaw Nation was undergoing a period of revitalization by the 1990s,” she said. “The many activities and events, language learning opportunities,

and the strengthening of regional councils allowed me to have a much stronger engagement with the tribe and to participate in many of our cultural activities.”

She has published five books and edited volumes, including “Rights in Rebellion: Human Rights and Indigenous Struggle in Chiapas,” “Human Rights in the Maya Region: Global Politics, Moral Engagements, and Cultural Contentions,” and “Dissident Women: Gender and Cultural Politics in Chiapas.”

She has published numerous journal articles and book chapters in English and Spanish, as well as two books in Spanish.

She serves on the Council of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, and is co-chair of the Otros Saberes/ Other Knowledges section of the Latin American Studies Association.

Dr. Speed earned her Ph.D. in Anthropology and Native American Studies from the University of California-Davis. She earned a master’s degree in anthropology from UC-Davis, and a master’s degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas-Austin. She earned a bachelor’s degree in International Studies from San Francisco State University.

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Tribal elections filing period is June 6-8

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has announced the filing period for 2016 General Elections will open June 6 and continue through June 8.

Candidates must file in the election secretary’s office. The office is in the Government Services building, 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla.

Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Legislative seats to be filled are: Seat 5 of Pontotoc District; Seat 3 of Pickens District; Seat 1 of Panola District; and Seat 2 of Tishomingo District.

Seat 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for election this year.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 25 years of age, residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election. Legislators must remain residents of their elected district during their tenures in office. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are \$500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation and at least 30 years of age. Judges must be residents of the Chickasaw Nation during their three-year terms of office. Filing fees are \$500.

Candidates must bring verifi-

cation of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate’s active campaign period.

Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for the Chickasaw Times, and watcher form.

Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

The primary election is July 26. Run-off election is August 30, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Election Secretary Rita Loder toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

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Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference set for April 14-15 at the Artesian

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities will host the 2016 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference, April 14-15, at the Artesian Hotel & Spa in Sulphur.

The conference recognizes the strength and leadership of Chickasaw women from all walks of life, and salutes the valuable contributions, talents and skills of Chickasaw women.

Presentations by those listed below will be featured at the conference:

- Mary Ruth Barnes, Director of Estate and Asset Services for Oklahoma, American Cancer Society - 2015 Dynamic Woman of the Year
- C.J. Aducci, Ph.D., LMFT, Executive Officer, Chickasaw Nation Strong Family Development
- But I Could Draw: Chickasaw Women in the Face of Adversity
- Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., LL.M.,

Director, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative

- Feeding Ourselves
- Dr. Tina Cooper BSN, M.D., Family Practice Physician, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center
- Beautiful Mind
- Johnnie Jae - Breaking Down Barriers: Utilizing Social & Digital Media to Provide Authentic Indigenous
- Representation within Mainstream Media
- Rita Hart, MSW - Oklahoma Native Families: Reconciliation and Healing
- Gwen Postoak, BA - Caterpillar One Moment, Butterfly the Next

Next Generation Panel

- Dr. Karen Goodnight, Moderator
- Samantha Perry, Artist
- Courtney Parchcorn, Artist
- Kortney Greenwood, Author
- Sarah Jones, Interactive Media Specialist
- Johnna Payne-Hurt, BSC
- Preparing Hearts and Homes to

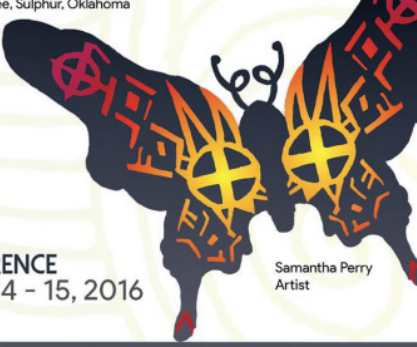
Foster Native Children

- Amy Gantt, MFA
- The Role of Women in Preserving Native Languages
- Michele Carney Shahbandeh
- Called to Battle, Destined to Win

Dynamic Women Panel

- Dr. Tina Cooper, Moderator
- Jeraldine Brown, Elder
- Dr. Kayla Lewis, Educator
- Merry Monroe, Educator
- Lisanne Anderson, Journalist

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division at (580) 272-5520 or

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DYNAMIC WOMEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION CONFERENCE 2016
"BEAUTY IN STRENGTH"
Artesian Hotel & Spa, 1001 W. 1st Street, Sulphur, Oklahoma
Keynote speaker is Mary Ruth Barnes, Chickasaw artist & author, American Cancer Society Director of Planned Giving for Oklahoma and Southwest Missouri.
Art of the Chickasaw Women Art Show Opening, Reception April 14, 3:45 p.m. Artesian Gallery & Studios 100 W. Muskogee, Sulphur, Oklahoma

Samantha Perry Artist
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For registration or more information please contact Paul Baken or Chance Brown with the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division at (580) 272-5520 Email paul.baken@chickasaw.net or nicholas.brown@chickasaw.net

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Spring Concert April 23 at McSwain

ADA, Okla. - A Spring Music Concert is set for 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 23 at the McSwain Theatre, 130 W. Main, Ada.

The concert will feature classical and contemporary music performed by the Chickasaw Children's Choir and School of Guitar.

Anoli Creative Writing Contest Awards will be announced during the evening.

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is hosting the event.

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Chickasaw Foundation elects 2016 officers

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Foundation announced the 2016 officers and trustees Feb. 4 at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada.

Elected officers include Chairman Deanna Hartley-Kelso; Vice-Chairman Lisa John; Treasurer Matt Chesnut; Assistant Treasurer Holly Easterling; and Secretary Bill Lance.

Trustees elected include Kennedy Brown (Chairman Emeritus), Tina Cooper, M.D., Robyn Elliott, John Fryrear, Judy Goforth Parker and Kirk Perry.

Service awards were presented during the meeting. Governor Bill Anoatubby received a 35-year plaque; Dr. Judy Goforth Parker received a plaque for 15 years of service; and Wes Brantley received a 10-year plaque.



DR. JUDY PARKER, WES BRANTLY



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DR. JUDY PARKER, GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

People, tribe, college, town spirit are keys

Historian, author turns attention to Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Dr. Paul Lambert remembers vividly the tree-lined avenues of Tishomingo, navigating his bicycle along narrow paths and wide brick-paved streets, fishing in the historic waters of Pennington Creek.

He didn't realize it then, but a Tishomingo High School classmate would be a future Governor of the Chickasaw Nation - Bill Anoatubby. They toiled together in class and competed on the gridiron.

Dr. Lambert recalls this southern Oklahoma community fondly. Its history is steeped in booms and busts in petroleum and on the farm, its diversity, off-the-beaten-path rural ruggedness, the resiliency of its hardworking citizens and the town's determination to survive and grow when so many like it languished and disappeared.

The Ph.D. historian retires May 1 from the Oklahoma Historical Society, just as his comprehensive historical look at Tishomingo begins. The work will be published by Chickasaw Press.

A PEEK AT THE PAST

It was known as "Good Spring" when founded in 1852, a tip of the hat to the pure, clear, cool water that flowed from the depths of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer.

The Chickasaw tribe made the community its headquarters and renamed the town Tishomingo after the revered tribal leader who put his name to paper on important treaties.

In 1856 at Good Spring, the Chickasaw Nation wrote and ratified its first written constitution and elected Cyrus Harris to serve as their first elected governor.

Dr. Lambert arrived here at age five with his parents Floyd and Margaret Lambert. His father was

in the retail gasoline business in the early 1950s.

"It was a great place to grow up," Dr. Lambert said. "I lived just a few blocks from Pennington Creek - where the dam was - and we would fish and run around in the woods. It was wonderful.

"My mother and father remarked on many occasions Tishomingo was the only place they wanted to be. They loved being a part of the community."

A FAMILIAR NAME

Dr. Lambert is well-known to the Chickasaw Nation. He penned the biography of Pearl Carter Scott, the celebrated Chickasaw who was the youngest person to earn a pilot's license at age 13 in 1929. He assisted the tribe in organizing and establishing the Chickasaw Press.

The book will take a full spectrum view of the community.

"I am planning on doing a very broad-based narrative history," Dr. Lambert said. "It will take the Chickasaw point of view because it is a big part of the story. But also, it will take the community as a whole. The African-American experience will be included.

"I think one of the interesting things about Tishomingo is it was able to buck the trends that have seen many communities the size of Tishomingo at the turn of the 20th century that are fading away and many of them have disappeared. Tishomingo has faced tough times but has held together and is now prospering and seems to have a bright future."

WHERE TO BEGIN

Many historical questions reverberate through Dr. Lambert's mind. How did the Chickasaw arrive here? How did construction of Fort Washita benefit Tishom-

ingo by protecting it from warlike Plains tribes?

While it prospered from 1900 to 1920, farm depreciation ravaged the area, driving crop prices to poverty levels and "King Cotton" to record lows. Yet, Tishomingo sprang back in the 1930s at the depths of a national economic depression.

"Somehow, Tishomingo hung in there, thriving when it shouldn't have and maintaining an important presence for more than 150 years, Dr. Lambert said.

"Murray State College will be a major topic, too."

The beginnings of the Chickasaw Nation's revitalization in the 1970s and the dividends that event paid to the college will be included.

A LITTLE HELP IS NEEDED

In the coming months, Dr. Lambert will be in Tishomingo frequently. He will be looking for assistance from Tishomingo residents to flesh out his book through stories and photographs.

"I will need the help of the great people of Tishomingo," he said. "We will be establishing partnerships with the historical society and the newspaper and the Chickasaw Nation to help me and illustrate the story. As soon



DR. PAUL F. LAMBERT

as we have these elements established, we will be asking Tishomingo to help tell the story of the community.

"I am so excited about this project. I loved growing up in Tishomingo, attending great schools and forging lifelong friendships."

Dr. Lambert graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1964 and studied at Murray for two years and East Central University for two years. He received his doctorate in history from Oklahoma State University.

Now, as his work-a-day career comes to an end, a new project will unfold for Dr. Lambert.

"We're going to explore all the elements that shaped and formed Tishomingo into the great community it is today," he said.

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Congressional Art competition open to all students

The district offices of U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) are accepting entries for the annual Congressional Art Competition.

All high school students interested in art are eligible to submit artwork.

Each spring, the U.S. House of Representatives sponsors "An Artistic Discovery." This event is a nationwide competition for high school students looking for an opportunity to showcase their creativity.

The winner's artwork will be displayed for one year in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

The winning prize includes travel to Washington with a guest for a reception and award presentation.

Rep. Cole represents the Fourth Congressional District of Oklahoma. The Fourth District winner becomes eligible to receive a \$3,000 annual scholarship to the Savannah College of Art & Design or Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Deadline for entries is April 22. Artwork may be submitted at any of the following Oklahoma Fourth Congressional District offices:

Norman, 2424 Springer Drive, Suite 201, (405) 329-6500; Lawton, 711 SW D Avenue, Suite 201, (580) 357-2131; Ada, 100 E. 13th Street, Suite 213, (580) 436-5375.

In Ardmore, entries are being accepted at the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, 410 W. Main Street, (580) 223-7765.

Silk painting class April 16 in Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. - The ARTesian Gallery & Studios will host silk painting classes April 16 and 30. Classes will run from 10 a.m. to noon for beginners and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for intermediate students.

The instructor for the class will be full-time studio artist Patta Butcher. Ms. Butcher has been a professional artist for more than 30 years.

The ARTesian Gallery & Studios is located at 100 West Muskogee St., Sulphur.

For more information, contact the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040.

For more information on Chickasaw Nation events, visit www.chickasaw.net/calendar.

Hall of Fame set for June 21 in Norman

NORMAN, Okla. - The 2016 Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremony will take place Tuesday, June 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6 p.m.

Lynn Moroney, Floyd Gerald "Gerry" Brisco and the late Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco, Margaret Flansburg, the late Holmes Tuttle and the late George Dixie Colbert will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame during the ceremony.

The late Holmes Tuttle and George Dixie Colbert will also be honored and recognized as they both are inducted posthumously into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Governor Bill Anoatubby will take part in the ceremony induct-

ing the new class of honorees.

Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw citizen by the Chickasaw Nation.

Plaques of Hall of Fame inductees adorn the Chickasaw Nation Honor Garden at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

In 1987, the Chickasaw Nation began honoring Chickasaws who made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community by induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

Pinch pots class set for April 19 in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - A Pinch Pots class is set for 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 9 at the Chickasaw National Capitol, 411 W. 9th, Tishomingo. The class is limited to 12 students. Materials will be

provided.

For more information contact Anna Fink at (580) 371-9835.

For more information, on Chickasaw Nation events, visit www.chickasaw.net/calendar.

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Community gardens a great, healthy way to get involved with your tribe

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you? I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the springtime weather. It goes by so quickly here in Oklahoma, unless we're having a bad storm season. Then it can't pass fast enough.

There's always lots going on in the Chickasaw Nation. I had the opportunity to visit the Chickasaw Cultural



NANCY ELLIOTT
Secretary
Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

Center with my grandchildren during the Three Sisters Celebration. Many cultural demonstrations were available in which to participate. The Three Sisters, "corn, beans, and squash," were staples in the diets of our early ancestors and were also planted together in mounds. It was fun and very educational to see The Three Sisters garden. The staff at the Cultural Center work very hard to make sure all visitors have a good time, but also learn something about the Chickasaw culture. The Cultural Center was averaging 1,000 visitors per day during the celebration. There's always something new to see each time I visit.

An exciting new project is coming to fruition in the Ada area this spring, designed to help people grow their own organic vegetables in a "community garden." Members

of our Nutrition Services department have teamed up with Habitat for Humanity, and Steven Bond-Hikatubbi, from the Intertribal Agriculture Council, to teach people how to grow their own vegetables using the mound technique. A plot of land was donated for the project by Habitat for Humanity. The garden opened for spring planting on March 1. Individuals and groups have been allowed to use rows to plant, work, and harvest their fresh, organic produce.

People who sign up to take a plot do so free of charge, but they agree to be responsible for planting, weeding and harvesting their crops. Help is available, if needed, for educational purposes, and classes are offered on other subjects, such as herbs, the mound system, and irrigation. They will also be hosting classes on seed starting and general gardening, as well as companion planting and vegetable families. They're hoping the idea catches on and "community gardens" can be established in other communities.

I know this project will be a great success! It's a great way to have your own garden, even when you don't have your own land, and working together with others is always a lot more fun than having to do the work all by yourself!

Ladies, don't forget to register for the Dynamic Women's Conference this month. This year's conference will again be at our beautiful Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. The dates are April 14 and 15. This is a wonderful time to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, and honor our Chickasaw women, who have become successful in their chosen fields. The conference also gives you ladies a good reason to stay at the beautiful Artesian Hotel and Spa and receive a little pampering for yourself. I look forward to it each year and hope to see you there!

Have a great month and please let me know if I can help you in anyway.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Celebration of Housing Authority has its roots in homes for Chickasaws

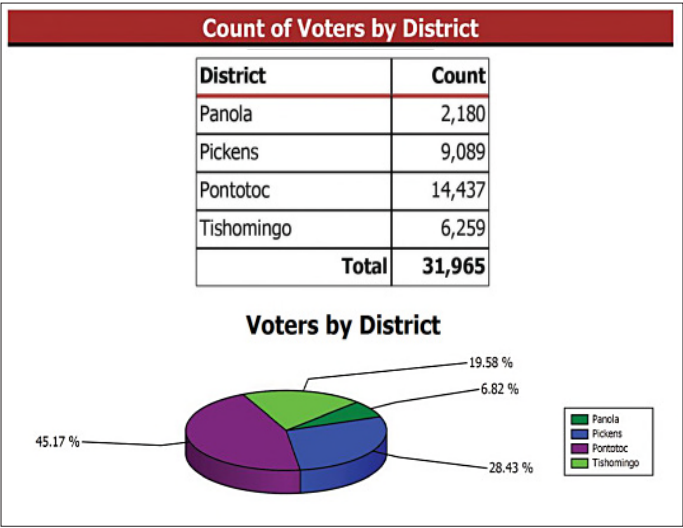
Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. A celebration of 50 years of service of the Chickasaw Housing Authority was held in March. I remember the first "Indian houses" built for our elders. They were very plain compared to the houses we build today. But they were the best thing going and our elders - and young couples, too - were very proud of their homes. When they made the last payment they would celebrate with Governor James, then Governor Anoatubby. It was a marvelous occasion when the houses were paid off and title was given to the participants! Even the early houses were a major improvement over what housing was available to low income Indians. It is great to look back and compare today's houses with the old housing stock. And now we have programs that assist Chickasaws in buying a house and maintaining it properly. We also have rental assistance programs and maintenance assistance programs. We have so much more than when the Chickasaw Housing Authority first started working.

Secretary Jay Keel spoke to the Legislature on committee day this month. Sec. Keel spoke about the

Family Support Division of tribal government and the many programs they operate. Building strong, healthy families is important to us and reflects the mission statement "to enhance the quality of life for all Chickasaw people." Family Services are available through all of our health clinics and include the Children's Village in Kingston, the substance abuse center and the new women's shelter and veterans' lodge being built in Ada. We also have prevention services for mental health patients.

Several functions are coming soon. The Heart Walk will be held on April 9. The Dynamic Women's Conference will be held at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur on April 14 and 15 and several legislators plan to attend. Karen Goodnight, last year's Dynamic Woman of the Year, will be the keynote speaker. The education conference will be in Tulsa April 11 and 12 and many Legislators also plan to attend this state-wide conference.

Chi ihullo li! I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me by telephone, email or letter. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you. Chipisala'cho!



Stonewall postmistress got a surprise as both she and office moved together!

Hello Everybody,

This is the last installment of Leo Kelly's article," Stonewall, Frisco United by History" in the June 19th, 2002, edition of The Ada Evening News. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I did!

".....By 1903, the survival of most communities depended on rail lines running through their towns. When the AMKT constructed a line between Oklahoma City and Atoka, it missed Stonewall, passing about 3 miles northeast. Realizing the importance of the event, locals literally loaded the post office on a wagon and moved it to the present location of Stonewall. The Methodist Church was also relocated and what remained became known as old Stonewall.

One story goes that the postmistress didn't want the building moved so she was sleeping inside when it was jacked up and placed on a "wheel" wagon for the three mile journey. It was said she was a sound sleeper, but when the office slid off the wagon about halfway to new Stonewall, she awoke and let out a blood 'curdling scream. Fortunately, neither the post office nor its postmistress received serious injury.

In 1905, the Oklahoma Central Railroad built a line through old Stonewall. Residents, believing the new railroad would be part of the San Francisco and Saint Louis Railway, known as the Frisco, renamed their community Frisco. A post office was established June 13, 1906, and operated until April 1941, eight years after Oklahoma Central line was closed.

The Frisco Cemetery remains as a reminder of the pioneers who settled the Stonewall/Frisco area. Gone are the Chickasaw schools- Colbert and Collins Institutes, the old Pontotoc County Courthouse, Brown Livery Stable, Staggs Barber Shop, Truax Drugstore, the home of Tandy Walker, who was appointed captain of the Chickasaw militia and later a member of the Chickasaw Senate, and many other businesses and homes.

However, the sleepy community of new Stonewall continues to prosper. New businesses are opening and today's residents are as optimistic as their ancestors who literally moved their town to meet the rail line, and locals can point to a fascinating history, including the day "Pretty Boy" Floyd emptied the vault of \$400, carrying around a bullet from Stonewall until he was killed in a gunfight two years later. Every time a resident mails a letter, he can recall the night the post office was moved from old Stonewall to new Stonewall with the post-mistress inside."

Respectfully,
Katie
(580) 421-4903



The Stonewall Post Office shortly after it was moved in 1904. The picture was sourced from "Stonewall, Oklahoma" book compiled by Stonewall Area Historical Society.

Investment in heritage preservation supports cultural expansion

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 29, 2016.

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$12.9 million for the month and \$74.0 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$13.1 million for the month and \$58.8 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February 29, 2016 totaled \$561.8 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$133.5 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$59.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 29, 2016, tribal government funds had \$359.1 million in cash and in-

vestments. Of this amount, \$23.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$249.4 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of February 29, 2016, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.22 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 29, 2016			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 9,715,468	561,791,981	571,507,449
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government	74,009,795	(74,009,795)	-
Total Funds Available	83,725,263	487,782,187	571,507,449
Expenditures			
General Government	3,065,509	-	3,065,509
Legislature	1,228,650	-	1,228,650
Judiciary	461,496	-	461,496
Education	11,831,413	-	11,831,413
Heritage Preservation	9,591,760	-	9,591,760
Health	7,900,744	-	7,900,744
Youth Services	1,894,263	-	1,894,263
Family Services	5,856,828	-	5,856,828
Nutrition Programs	2,732,347	-	2,732,347
Regulatory	4,986,870	-	4,986,870
Assistance Programs	9,334,406	-	9,334,406
Gaming Expense	-	321,058,046	321,058,046
Other Businesses' Expense	-	107,264,214	107,264,214
Total Expenditures	58,884,286	428,322,260	487,206,547
Increase In Net Assets	24,840,976	59,459,926	84,300,903
Beginning Net Assets	818,638,319	1,322,439,260	2,141,077,579
Ending Net Assets	\$ 843,479,295	1,381,899,187	2,225,378,482

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 29, 2016			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 359,124,738	249,418,164	608,542,901
Receivables	16,839,771	137,365,012	154,204,783
Inventory	70,798	6,608,999	6,679,797
Prepaid Expenses	-	19,931,134	19,931,134
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed Assets	470,920,439	1,122,004,253	1,592,924,692
Less Payables	(3,476,451)	(154,506,513)	(157,982,964)
Net Assets	\$ 843,479,295	1,381,899,187	2,225,378,482

Take advantage of tribal programs for home beautification, safety

Chokma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

It's April and Spring is here. We can all look forward to outdoor activities as the renewal of Spring brings warmer weather and lush landscapes of flowers, grass and trees.

Fortunately, our tribe is able to provide several programs to enhance our homes and protect our safety.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw landscaping programs provide Chickasaw homeowners flora and fauna to create a yard with curb appeal.

Chickasaw Farms, located in the Tishomingo District, in Davis, Okla., provided 171 initial landscaping packages and 147 supplemental packages to 318 Chickasaw homeowners last fiscal year.

In addition, Chickasaw Farms harvested more than 470,000 square-feet of sod to be used by Chickasaw homeowners.

Spring weather can also bring rain and, unfortunately, spring storms can turn severe in a matter of minutes. These storms can lead to devastating tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters; not only in Oklahoma but in all parts

of the country.

The Chickasaw Nation can help our citizens be better prepared for bad weather with the Storm Shelter program. The program is one way our citizens can be safe from the storm and ease the worry of finding shelter during bad weather.

This program provides storm shelters for privately owned homes of all Chickasaw citizens. Within tribal boundaries, Chickasaw citizens can apply for a storm shelter to be installed at their home. Shelters can be provided on a one-time basis in order to meet the needs of all Chickasaws.

The Storm Shelter program for our Chickasaw citizens who live outside the Chickasaw Nation service area began in October 2006. This program provides a one-time grant to the citizen for the installation of a storm shelter. The program has no income restrictions. Since the program's inception, there have been nearly 4,000 storm shelters provided to Chickasaw families who live both inside and outside the traditional Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Last year, 728 storm shelters were installed for Chickasaw homeowners.

As with all our helpful programs, the Storm Shelter program is designed to keep our citizens safe and to help fulfill the Chickasaw Nation's mission to enhance the lives of all Chickasaws.

For more information about the Storm Shelter Program, call (580) 421-8800. For more information about the Landscaping program call (580) 235-7234 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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Legislator's job is about achieving exceptional results for Chickasaws!

Each month, the tribal legislature conducts its business during its regular session. Legislation is discussed and votes are taken. Many citizens read the legislative minutes in *the Chickasaw Times* each month, and that presents the results of our work.

That is just the tip of the iceberg!
My job as your legislator is to serve you to the utmost of my ability. Each day when I get up, I remind myself of this important mission!



LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As is common with all representative bodies, there is plenty of action behind the scenes. The way a legislator handles herself is very often the difference between success and failure.

When I offer a piece of legislation, I almost always know before it goes before the full legislature if it will pass. That's part of the "ground game" a legislator must have to be successful.

I discuss legislation with my legislative colleagues to get their ideas, and to gauge if they will be supportive. Using this approach, I can develop a teamwork structure with other legislators and ensure I am serving my Pickens District constituents fully and well.

Experience, as we all know, can teach us some tough - and valuable - lessons. With 21 years on our legislature, there have been plenty of "experiences" that have helped me create a roadmap that navigates the process successfully.

With some years of experience, a good legislator learns the "ins and outs" of our government. Who to talk with and what to ask are very important. These are the signposts along the road that can lead to quality legislation.

Forming good, long-term working relationships is critical to a legislator's success. When it comes right down to it, it is virtually impossible to accomplish goals on behalf of citizens without the assistance of others.

I talk with fellow legislators, executive department officials, tribal secretaries, directors, managers and others on a regular basis. Those conversations have a two-fold purpose. First, they are very helpful in gathering information and, second, they allow me to get people "on board" to work on getting a citizen project completed.

The lesson I have learned is, in order to properly serve my Pickens District Chickasaws, I must build quality relationships with the people who can help get things done for my citizens. It's really as simple as that!

There is a little book that was published some years ago titled, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," by Robert Fulghum. The title says so much!

That little book is about the fundamentals of getting along with others and getting things done. When we engage in behaviors like "share everything," "play fair" and "help others," we are going to meet with success!

It is an honor to serve as your legislator. Call or write anytime. I'm here for you!
Best wishes always,
Linda Briggs

Meads do a great job representing Panola at Valentine Banquet

Just have to share a picture of our King and Queen of Panola District! Hearl and his sweetheart of a wife, Flora, were our royalty



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



Flora and Hearl Mead, Valentine Banquet queen and king, at the Panola Senior Center.

this year at the Chickasaw Senior Valentine Banquet held at the CN community Center in Ardmore, OK. They did a great job and represented the Panola Senior Center well! Congratulations Hearl and Flora!

Recently, the Hicks family gathered to celebrate the life and heavenly promotion of Mr. Ronald Hicks. Friends and family came from every directions to attend



Ronald Larry Hicks

the outdoor service at Yarnaby Cemetery. All family members had the opportunity to assist in Ronald's service and burial. The shovels were passed, children were included, songs were sung, and memories were shared. The service was over when the last piece of dirt was in place. Now that was a family reunion and perfect send off for Ronald!

Tune in next month for a peek into the history of the Love family connection. We will visit with Ms. Judith Trammell and tour the "Love" family cemetery and allotment land. Judith mentioned that her GGGrandfather, Samuel Isaac Love (1823-1893) and several generations are on site.

"The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of the Lord stands forever." ~Isaiah 40:8

Beth

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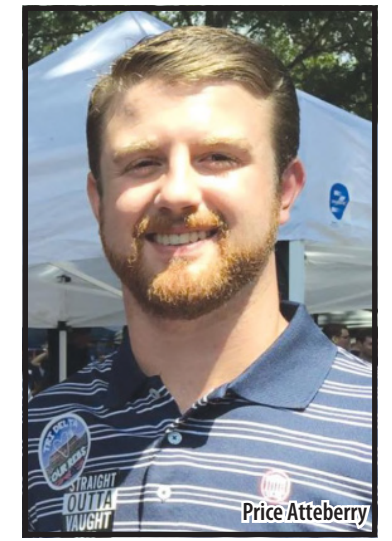
Chris Goldsby of Goldsby Construction, LLC, was installed as 2016 President of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Oklahoma-Building Chapter at the Association's 76th Annual Meeting January 16 at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa.

Mr. Goldsby is CEO/Founder of Goldsby Construction, LLC. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BS in Environmental Design. He has been involved in the construction industry for over 30 years. He has worked in many capacities including, serving on the board of directors, and was a executive for a top 150 Contractor in the U.S. Mr. Goldsby currently serves as the Oklahoma President for the Associated General Contractors of America, Board of Directors for ASTEC Charter Schools, Executive Board of Directors for South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and has served on many other boards in the past. He was the 2015 CO-Chair of American Heart Association Heart Walk.

In conjunction with University of Oklahoma, he managed and supervised the first Habitat for Humanity home built in Norman, Okla. He and his wife, Angie, started a local back-to-school program for children from low income families. He has participated in Special Olympics, Junior Achievement, Speck Homes, and many more charitable organizations. He is a Chickasaw citizen and resides in Goldsby, Okla., with his wife of 27 years.

The AGC of Oklahoma, the state's largest and leading commercial/industrial construction trade association, is headquartered in Oklahoma City. Since 1939, the association has elected a slate of officers dedicated to leadership that maintain the tradition and attributes of Skill, Integrity, Responsibility, and Quality. The buildings and structures constructed by the members of the AGC are a permanent part of Oklahoma's history.

Mr. Goldsby's experience and leadership will be an asset to the progressive agenda of the AGC of Oklahoma.



Price Atteberry, descendant of original enrollee Winnie Blocker and a recipient of a Chickasaw scholarship, has honored his family and the Chickasaw Nation by making the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi.

Price is 21 and a Junior at "Ole Miss." He is pursuing a dual major, Business and Accounting, with the intent of becoming a CPA upon graduation.

His youngest brother, Jack Atteberry (an 8th grader) celebrated his 14th birthday on January 24.

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2016 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens. The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

CONGRATULATIONS



Chickasaw citizen Christian E. Williams, of Ada, Okla., has received a promotion to Staff Sergeant in the United States Marines Corps.

Staff Sgt. Williams enlisted in the Marines at the beginning of his senior year at Ada High School in August 2006. He graduated from high school May of 2007 and left for Marine Recruit Training in San Diego July 2007. He graduated from Marine Bootcamp in October of 2007 as a Private. After basics, he traveled to Pensacola, Fla., for training. He then went to Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., for Legal Administrative training. In 2008, his first duty station was Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. While stationed

at Camp Pendleton from 2008 to 2010, he received promotions to Lance Corporal and Corporal. He received his next assignment in 2010, that took him to Cincinnati, where he served until 2012. While stationed in Cincinnati, he received his fourth promotion to Sergeant.

March of 2012 took him to Quantico, Va., home of the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters. While serving as an Instructor and Legal Clerk at Quantico, he had the privilege to attended President Obama's Inauguration as a Marine Guard.

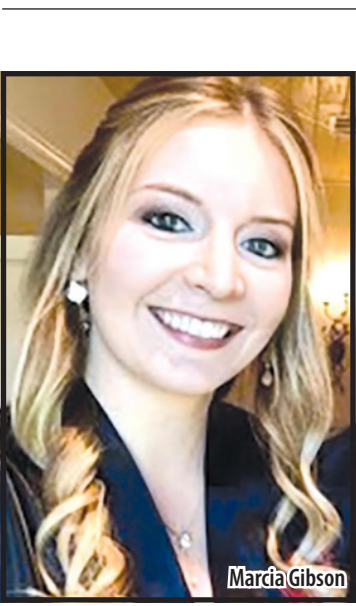
He received his new assignment to attend Marine Recruiter's School in April 2015, that took him once again to San Diego once again. Staff Sgt. Williams now serves as a U.S. Marine Corps Recruiter in Wauseon, Ohio. He covers a 100-mile radius for recruiting. He was in the running as a top recruiter for the month of February 2016.

He has worked diligently and passionately for the past eight and one-half years in the military. He has received three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals, two Certificates of Commendation, and numerous personal awards from the Marines.

He received his promotion to Staff Sergeant in the on December 2, 2015 in Toledo, Ohio. He requested that his mother, Marilyn Coltz, attend this special occasion to pin him with his rank.

Staff Sgt. Williams is the son of Quintin Williams; stepson of Kerry Everett; brother of Candace Laura Williams; grandson of Elizabeth Williams, the late Floyd Williams, and the late Larry and Nancy Coltz; step-grandson of William and Jackie Standifer, and the late Carmel Everett; nephew of Herman and Opal Walker, William and Zella Gaines, Hazel Wallace and the late Joe Wallace, Gary and Laverna Walker, Virgil and Ramona Walker, the late Merle and Ida Stick, Dennis Williams, Sam Williams, and Randy Williams; and cousin to many.

As Christian's family, we are very proud of him for all that he does and for all of his accomplishments. Thank you very much, Christian, for your service to our country. Most importantly, I am proud of you, son! Love you and miss you every day!!



Four Chickasaws recently received their conceal and carry permits. Front row from left, Trisha Fowler Hays, instructor Jan Morgan, and Roger Fowler. Back row from left, Kristina Homer Grisham and Myles Homer III.

They are the children and grandchildren of the late Lillian Fowler, a Community Health Representative. A full day of training was followed by receiving their conceal and carry permits.



Congratulations to Marcia Gibson for completing the seven exams needed to become a licensed architect.

She is a 2011 graduate of Texas A&M University, and received her Master of Architecture degree at LSU in 2013.

After working two years as an intern architect, she began the arduous task of seven exams, each covering a different aspect of the field. She is currently employed with an architect firm in New Orleans.

Ms. Gibson is the great-granddaughter of Lillian Sacra, an original enrollee.

Solin Piearcy, of San Jose, Calif., is a senior at Cupertino High School. She has wrestled the past seven years in middle school and in high school. After finishing this season, she is now a four-time CCS champion, the second girl and the eleventh wrestler to have accomplished this. She is a four-time state placer - freshman and sophomore year taking sixth, junior year taking third, and this year taking first. Her record this past season was 33 - 0, of which 32 were pins, and she did not give up any points. The past two years combined, she had 74 matches, 70 pins, one loss, and gave up a total of six points. Also, she is a three-time Fargo Freestyle All-American. Currently, she is planning to compete in the girls' high school nationals in Oklahoma and another national tournament held in California. She not only wrestles during high school, she also participates in varsity field hockey and track.

Solin is the daughter of Sam and Elaine Piearcy.

CONGRATULATIONS



Chickasaw citizen Tamara Brown Schnorr attended the OKC Winter Cultural Event at Remington Park. Tamara was honored to win a door prize of a Pendleton Blanket, and have her picture taken with Gov. Anoatubby.

Tamara is the daughter of the late Wayland Brown, and great-granddaughter of original enrollee Loman Brown.

BIRTHS



Conner Leo Schwabe was born October 21, 2015 to Brittany and Wesley Schwabe, of Ione, Calif. Conner is welcomed by his big brother, Bentley Ryan Schwabe.

Conner is the grandson of Forrest and Carol Schwabe, of Plymouth, Calif.; great-grandson of Mozell and Barbara (Lewis) Wagner, of Plymouth; and great-great-grandson of the late Edmond (original enrollee) and Gurtha Lewis.



Emery Mae Dinkins was born February 8, 2016 in Oklahoma City to Alexander and Elizabeth Dinkins, of Edmond, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Emery is the sister of Blake and Brady Dinkins, and the granddaughter of Ed and Debbie Smith, Sherri and Johnny Hill, and Alexander Dinkins Sr.

Jordan and Cody Cook, of Marlow, Okla., are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Rhett Charles Cook, born February 20, 2016 at 12:51pm. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs., and measured 21 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Nancy and Jerry Howell, of Central High, Okla. Great-grandparents are Lawanna and Kenneth Blevins, of Waurika, Okla., and a direct descendant of the late Wirtie Clyde Blevins, of the original rolls, and Elsie Trip.

Paternal grandparents are Beverly and Richard Norman, of Marlow, and the late Charles Cook, of Marlow. Great-grandparents are Glyn and the late Juanita Jackson, of Central High, and Tony and Sue Cook, of Duncan, Okla.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Corn Husk Doll class April 16 in Tishomingo

A Corn Husk Dolls class is set for you seat. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at the Chickasaw Council House Museum, 209 N. Fisher St., Tishomingo.

The class is open to the public and supplies will be provided. Class is limited, so please call to reserve

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Council House Museum at (580) 371-3351.

For more information on Chickasaw Nation events, visit www.chickasaw.net/calendar.

December 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

Shelby Blake Shelton
Shelby Blake Shelton, 10, son of Daiquiri and Greg Shelton, is a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Shelby Blake Shelton

Shelby is in the fourth grade at Empire Elementary, Duncan, Okla. He was nominated by his fourth-grade teacher D'Raye Rochell.

"Shelby has shown great improvement this year in leadership and helping his fellow students achieve their goals toward their education," Ms. Rochell said. "He has continued to make straight A's and has a reading level higher than the eighth grade. He strives to improve his education and motivate his classmates."

Shelby's hobbies include baseball, football, wrestling, reading and going to church. He also wants to attend the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program.

"I have strived to become a member of the Million Word Club, I have finally achieved this goal," Shelby said. "I have also been in our school's honor roll all year. I love reading, especially anything on Greek mythology."

Shelby's future plans in-

clude becoming a mentor at his church camp, to participate in more Chickasaw Nation camps and to attend college.

Ashton Anderson
Ashton Anderson, 9, son of Amanda Cruz, is a recipient of the 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Citizenship Award.



Ashton Anderson

Ashton is in the third grade at Latta Elementary School, Ada, Okla. He was nominated by his third grade teacher, Bobbie Priest.

"Ashton is an extremely hard worker," Ms. Priest said. "He is always trying to please everyone and makes great strides in class."

Ashton's hobbies include playing video games on his Xbox and building Legos. Ashton also enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

Ashton's future goal is to become a doctor.

Elijah Factor
Elijah Factor, 15, son of Sara and Jimpsey Factor, is a recipient of the 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Elijah is in the ninth grade at Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He was nominated by his ninth grade teacher, Holly Wood.

"Elijah is an enthusiastic student in my Pre-AP English class," Mrs. Wood said. "He has a positive attitude, excellent manners and works hard to get good grades."



Elijah Factor

Elijah's hobbies include playing basketball, golf and running cross country. He also loves spending time with his family and watching movies.

Elijah's future plans include earning a degree in marine biology and becoming a veterinarian.

Landon Graham
Landon Graham, 14, son of Wendell and Diana Graham, is a recipient of the 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Aca-



Landon Graham

ademic Achievement Award.

Landon is in the ninth grade at Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. He was nominated by his ninth grade teacher, Angela Cabaniss.

"Landon is making honor roll and doing great," Ms. Cabaniss said.

Landon's hobbies include playing with Legos, enjoying the outdoors and swimming.

Landon's future plans include going college to study volcanos and becoming a volcanologist.

Erica Hanna
Erica Hanna, 17, daughter of David and Linda Hanna, is a recipient of the 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Erica Hanna

Erica is a senior at Broken Arrow High School, Broken Arrow, Okla. She was nominated by the school yearbook and newspaper faculty member, Ashley Spencer.

"Erica works extra hours for our school yearbook," Ms. Spencer said. "Using her creative talent, she helps others write newspaper articles. Anything she sets her mind to, she will achieve."

Erica's hobbies include playing piano, reading, writing and

drawing.

Erica's future plans include going to college to earn an education degree and to become a member of the Board of Education.

Brooke Ross
Brooke Ross, 10, daughter of Darrell Max Ross Jr., is a 2015 recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Brooke Ross

Brooke is in the fifth grade at Red Oak Elementary, Moore, Okla. She was nominated by her fifth-grade reading, language and social studies teacher, Wendy Bridges.

"Brooke worked hard with her school work and received the Principal's Honor Roll in recognition of academic success for the 2015-2016 school year," Ms. Bridges said.

Brooke's hobbies include playing basketball, riding her bicycle and playing with friends.

Brooke's future goal is to become a teacher.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carmen Carter, Public Affairs.



The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting applications for 2016 youth camps, clinics and academies. A number of tribal divisions work together to offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills.

Application deadline is April 15, 2016.
Chickasaw Nation 2016 youth events include:

- **Camp Survivor**
May 31-June 3 - (Ages 9 to 13, or entering grades four-eight)
-Camp Survivor is a wellness camp that incorporates activities such as, swimming, hiking, fishing, archery, canoeing, rock-climbing, stickball and nutrition education.
- **"Chikasha Albinachi" Cultural Camp**
June 1-2 - (Ages 6 to 11)
-This two-day camp provides students the opportunity to learn about and experience a variety of cultural activities, such as traditional games, stomp dancing, crafts and the Chickasaw language.
- **Environmental Camp**
June 1-3 - (Ages 8 to 12)
-The three-day Environmental Camp will focus on connecting kids to the outdoor world.
- **Tennis 101**
June 6-7 - (Ages 8 to 11)
- **Tennis II**
June 8-10 - (Ages 12 to 18)
-This clinic offers students the tools necessary to build a lasting foundation for the sport of tennis. Participants also learn about honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork.
- **Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy**
June 6-10 - (Ages 10 to 18)
-CNASA is designed to inspire excellence, to motivate and challenge the vision, talent and energies of young Chickasaws, encouraging them to pursue careers in science and technology.
- **Native American Junior Invitational Tennis**
June 11 - (Ages 8 to 18 or grades

three - 12)
-The Native American Junior Invitational Tennis tournament allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or tennis association competition. It is also qualifying tournament for Team Chickasaw.

- **FCA Xtreme Camp**
June 12-16 - (Ages 15 to 18)
-This camp is for students who want to participate in challenging activities and great fellowship. Campers have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in huddle competitions, scale a 65-foot climbing tower and experience a high ropes challenge course.
- **Space Camp**
June 12-17 - (Ages 9 to 18)
-Space Camp students obtain hands-on training, as well as learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science.
- **Golf 101**
June 13-14 - (Ages 8 to 11 or entering grades three-six)
- **Golf Camp II**
June 15-17 - (Ages 12 to 18, or entering grades seven-12)
-Golf Camp provides Native American youth the opportunity to enjoy the game of golf while learning life skills, such as honor, integrity and sportsmanship.
- **Native American Junior Open Golf Tournament**
June 18 - (Ages 8 to 18, or grades three-12)
-The Native American Junior Open allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or golf association tournament. It is also a qualifying tournament for the

Team Chickasaw Golf team.

- **Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy**
June 20-23 - (Ages 9 to 15)
-This academy provides an excellent opportunity for youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students hear presentations from law enforcement personnel and learn life skills, such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.
- **Ikbi Holisso "Book Creation" Camp**
June 22-24 - (Ages 12 to 18)
-This camp will introduce students to the world of book publishing, from concept to writing, illustrating, editing, design and production.
- **Champions Football Clinic**
June 23-25 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
-At this clinic, a team of veteran coaches and players teach students fundamental football skills.
- **Champions Cheerleading Clinic**
June 24-25 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
-At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches instructs students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness.
- **FCA Competitors Camp**
June 24-27 - (Ages 11 to 14)
-This camp combines great facilities and activities with the athleticism and competition that defines the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry.
- **Yaakni Inaahpisaat Chokma "The Nation's Laws are Good" Camp**
June 30-July 1 - (Ages 10 to 16)
-This two-day camp educates youth on the operations of a tribal

court system. Students have the opportunity to meet tribal judges, Supreme Court justices, Chickasaw Lighthorse police officers, Peacemakers and court staff.

- **Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "Place for Shooting Guns" Camp**
July 6-7 - (Ages 12 to 18, or entering grades seven-12)
-The camp focuses on the disciplines required for Olympic-style target shooting and consists of both classroom instruction and firing practice.
- **Youth Basketball Camp**
• **Girl's Camp**
July 11-12 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
- **Boy's Camp**
July 14-15 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
-Youth Basketball Camp participants learn basketball techniques from high school head coaches, university coaches and current or former university players.
- **Chickasaw Arts Academy**
July 11-2 - (Ages 8 to 18)
-Participants will have the opportunity to gain experience in the following fields of study: 2-D & 3-D visual art, theatre, creative writing, dance, vocal music, music composition, photography, theatre technology, video production and textile design.
- **Hayaka Unta "Into the Woods" Camp**
• **2016 fall camp/** Oct. 14-16 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
• **2017 spring camp,** April 7-9 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
-Hayaka Unta Camp gives Chickasaw youth and their parents or guardians an opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors.

- **Chikashshaat Hoochokoshkomo "Chickasaws are Playing" Camp**
Fall Break - (Ages 12 to 18)
-This day camp provides students the opportunity to learn the history of traditional games. Campers learn how to play a variety of traditional games, including chunky, marbles, archery, horseshoes and stickball.
- **Halloween Lock-In**
Oct. 21-22 - (Ages 8 to 13, or entering grades three-six)
-This Halloween-themed lock-in allows students to participate in mini-bowling, go-karts, batting cages, mini-golf, a rock climbing wall, bumper cars, arcade games and a variety of other fun activities throughout the night.
- **Winter Baseball Clinic**
Dec. 21-22 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
-This clinic is designed to teach essential life skills, such as dedication, goal setting and teamwork, while teaching the basic skills of baseball.
- **Winter Softball Clinic**
Dec. 19-20 - (Ages 8 to 18, or entering grades three-12)
-This camp focuses on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding, conditioning and teamwork.

Application Information
Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Applicants should be aware once acceptance to a youth services event has been determined, attendance is required.

For more information, contact Camps and Recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net.

Additional information and applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

FEBRUARY 2016 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Staff present: Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel; Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms
Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Judy Foster, Kerry Everett, Candace L. Williams

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Mr. Perkins.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 15, 2016
Ms. Elliott noted corrections to the minutes.
A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the January 15, 2016 minutes as corrected.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2016 as corrected carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz
Permanent Resolution Number 33-002, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Committee of the Whole)
This resolution approves amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding rules for the Legislature meeting as a Committee of the Whole.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve PR33-002.
Mrs. Alexander stated she was not in favor of the resolution because the procedure to amend legislation was not in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order. Ms. Elliott noted that Robert’s Rules of Order does not address this particular situation but references the committee with a higher ranking has authority to amend legislation.
Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 11 yes votes
Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case - 2 No votes
The motion to approve PR33-002 carried.
Permanent Resolution Number 33-003, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Committee)
This resolution corrects a typographical error in Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding the Legislative Committee.
Mr. Woerz noted that PR33-003 was the correct number on the resolution.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve PR33-003.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve PR33-003 carried unanimously.
Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
General Resolution Number 33-016, Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Border Casino Trailer Addition
This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Border Casino Trailer Addition, Project Number 16011-BDR-GAM-C in the amount of \$1,456,361.00.
This property serves as an ancillary outlet for patrons not wanting to be absorbed into the grandeur of Winstar and serves as an easily accessible option for those passing through the area.
Thackerville Gaming has experienced several expansions over recent years as Winstar World Casino’s demand has grown. As with previous expansions, demand has increased steadily over the last couple of years. Current volume and utilization is at a 10% increase year over year signaling that expanded supply is warranted.
This project consists of the design, engineering and construction of three additional trailers on the east building of Border Casino. The addition will add approximately 184 new gaming machines. Little additional operating expenses will be required to operate the additional games. There will also be new decking, ramps, and minor rework to the parking entrance.
A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR33-016.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-016 carried unanimously.
Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 33-014, Waterline Easement in Love County
This resolution grants a perpetual easement to MPWA for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a waterline/water main across the south end of a tract that borders Oklahoma Highway 32 in Love County, Oklahoma. The easement is located on OK Hwy 32 west of Marietta, Oklahoma and is to be utilized as a perpetual waterline easement to the Marietta Public Works Authority.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR33-014.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-014 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 33-015, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s acceptance of a gift of real property from Sovereign Native Holdco, LLC, located in Love County, Oklahoma, described herein together with all improvements thereon, if any, in the present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. It is located on I-35 Exit 1 Interchange and to be utilized for economic development.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR33-015
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-015 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 33-017, Approving an Oil and Gas Lease in Grady County In favor of Todco Properties, Inc.
This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Todco Properties, Inc. “Todco”, Norman, Oklahoma. The lease is a three-year Oil and Gas Lease on land jointly owned by the Choctaw Nation and Chickasaw Nations. Todco is offering \$3,126.50 per acre for a total bonus of \$125.06, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$31.27. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$0.12, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$0.03 per annum, and a royalty to the Chickasaw Nation at a rate of 4.6875% (25% of 18.75%) of the value of oil and gas harvested.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR33-017.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-017 carried unanimously.
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
There was no new business to discuss.
Ms. Judy Foster commented on the Elders’ Valentine party and thanked everyone for what they were doing for the elders.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Elliott, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Legislative Session
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 18, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
AGENDA ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 19, 2016
AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
AGENDA ITEM #6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
GR33-018 Approval of Development Budget Amendment, Aa-Ashaachi’ Phase II
GR33-019 Approval of Development Budget Amendment, Veterans Lodge
(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
GR33-020 Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
GR33-021 Application for Federal Grant under the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grants
(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
GR33-022 Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County
GR33-023 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County
GR33-024 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County
(D) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods
PR33-004 Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Elections and Campaigns)

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee • March 7, 2016
Present: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins
Absent: Linda Briggs, David Woerz

Finance Committee • March 14, 2016
Present: Linda Briggs, Toby Perkins, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott

Land Development Committee • March 7, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Mary Jo Green
Absent: Linda Briggs, David Woerz

Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee • March 7, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Human Resources Committee • March 7, 2016
Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott

Rules of Order Ad Hoc Committee • March 7, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker

Committee of the Whole • March 14, 2016
Present: Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Toby Perkins
Absent: Shana Hammond

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-018
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Aa-Ashaachi’ Phase II

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor’s submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Aa-Ashaachi’ Phase II, Project Number 20-0123-13 in the amount of \$1,856,958.00, increasing the total budget to \$7,700,000.00.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Aa-Ashaachi’ Phase II, Project Number 20-0123-13 in the amount of \$1,856,958.00 for a total budget of \$7,700,000.00.

The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture is a 20,000 square-foot specialty library focusing on the study of the Chickasaw Nation and other tribes in the Southeastern United States. Using advanced technology, the Research Center preserves archives, tales, culture, Native American language and historical accounts passed down from generation to generation.

It has been determined that a much more specialized set of storage shelves and cabinets are necessary to house the variety of artifacts the Nation currently owns. The lighting in the artifact and artwork areas need to be upgraded to a UV free luminaries that won’t cause damage to the pieces. Additional security cameras and controlled access doors are needed to ensure all artifacts, artwork and equipment are safe. The original budget was based on a design that utilized an EIFS (Stucco) façade which is not in keeping the campus design. With the addition of the property to the north, the Aa-Ashaachi’ facility will be much more visible as the campus expands in that direction. Therefore, it would be more cost effective

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tive to add a rock façade to the exterior at this time to achieve a more complementary addition to the campus. A small parking area is desired in the front of the building so visitors will have direct access to the front entrance. A generator is needed to back-up the HVAC system in the safe rooms in order to maintain good air quality for the artifacts being stored.

Presented By: Finance Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-019
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Veterans Lodge

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Veterans Lodge, Project Number Lodge 20-0122-12 in the amount of \$6,751,274.00.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Veterans Lodge, Project Number 20-0122-12 in the amount of \$6,751,274.00.

The Chickasaw Nation has more than 1,600 active duty military members. Native Americans represent the largest percent per capita of any ethnicity of soldiers who have fought in military campaigns for America throughout history. The Chickasaw Nation has always been a proud people with courageous Warriors and it is the desire of our leadership to honor these brave men and women.

This 13,000 square foot single story facility will be a place of comfort for our active and retired military members and their families. It will include a large activity room, dining room, kitchen, covered patio area and a sunroom. It will also provide access to resources available to our veterans through our Veterans Services office. Space for private or group counseling will be available, as well as a chapel. An outdoor plaza area will display the 5 military flags and all will overlook the Chickasaw Warrior statue.

The Chickasaw Nation is committed to creating a place for our veterans to build a strong support network and lasting friendships for years to come.

Presented By: Finance Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-020
Application for Grants
under the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service has announced availability of funding through the Tribal Preservation Program, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service has made funding available for the purpose of assisting Indian tribes in preserving and protecting their significant cultural and historic resources, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation is eligible to apply for funding under this opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Tribal Preservation Program.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016 by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service for the Tribal Preservation Program grant. Funds from this grant will be utilized to survey and inventory significant Chickasaw archaeological resources on private land in the "Cook-Coonewah" tract containing some portion of the archaeological site of the Chickasaw settlement dating from the late 1600s to the early 1800s in Lee County, Mississippi, on the Coonewah Ridge in the Mississippi historic homeland. The results of this survey investigation will be used to enrich the lives of Chickasaw citizens through development of heritage tourism visits to the site as well as through written interpretive material and exhibits at various venues about the site and its context in Chickasaw culture history. The grant proposal is not to exceed \$25,000 for the one year period.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-021
Application for Federal Grant under the Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program:
Implementation and Expansion Grants

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation has a compelling interest in planning, adoption, implementation, expansion, enhancement and sustainability of high-quality evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting programs, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has announced the availability of funding under the Administration for Children and Families, Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting: Implementation and Expansion Grants for fiscal year 2016-2021, and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Children and Families has announced the availability of grant funding that can be used to supplement and enhance high-quality evidence-based home visiting services to Native American families prenatally or with a child under the age of kindergarten entry, who presents risk factors for child abuse/neglect, development delays, or poor economic status, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation is eligible to apply for funding under this opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature approves the submission of a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, through FY2021.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for a Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for the enhancement of a high-quality evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program, up to and including FY 2021, to be located within the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services proposes to enhance and expand current child services intended to promote positive outcomes through a systemic approach, addressing family needs as a whole.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services will use funds to enhance a high-quality evidence-based home visiting program that results in a coordinated system of early childhood home visiting in Chickasaw communities with the capacity to provide infrastructure and support to assure high-quality, evidence-based practice to Native American children and families.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-022
Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation,

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the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the transfer and acceptance of a property from OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PROPERTIES, LLC located in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

The north 51 feet of Lot 20, all of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and the south 35.25 feet of Lot 25, of Howard-Thompson Creekvue Addition to the City of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept, as a gift, a deed for the above described tract of land. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acceptance, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acceptance of a transfer of real property from OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PROPERTIES, LLC, Located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as:

The north 51 feet of Lot 20, all of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and the south 35.25 feet of Lot 25, of Howard-Thompson Creekvue Addition to the City of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof

together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Mississippi Street, Ada, Oklahoma
Use: To be utilized for Headquarter Campus Support Buildings
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-023
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property in Sulphur, Murray County, for the Chickasaw Nation's Re-entry Program Facility described as follows:

THE SURFACE ESTATE ONLY OF: A strip of land out of the E/2 of the SE/4 of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East Section Line 725 feet North of the SE Corner of said Section 28, thence North along said Section Line 975 feet, thence West 410 feet, thence South 975 feet, thence East 410 feet to the place of beginning; LESS AND EXCEPT a part of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of the SE/4 and the SE/4 of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, thence North on Section Line 1193 feet to a point of beginning; thence West parallel to 10 acre line 410 feet; thence North parallel to Section Line 507 feet; thence East to Section Line 410 feet; thence South on Section Line 507 feet to the point of beginning.

AND
A part of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of the SE/4 and a part of the SE/4 of the NE/4 of the SE/4, Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the SE/4 of said Section; thence North on the Section Line 1366 feet to the point of beginning; thence West 237 feet; thence South 173 feet; thence West 173 feet; thence North 507 feet; thence East 410 feet; thence South on the Section Line 334 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.006 acres, more or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation's Re-entry Program Facility, described below:

THE SURFACE ESTATE ONLY OF: A strip of land out of the E/2 of the SE/4 of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East Section Line 725 feet North of the SE Corner of said Section 28, thence North along said Section Line 975 feet, thence West 410 feet, thence South 975 feet, thence East 410 feet to the place of beginning; LESS AND EXCEPT a part of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of the SE/4 and the SE/4 of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, thence North on Section Line 1193 feet to a point of beginning; thence West parallel to 10 acre line 410 feet; thence North parallel to Section Line 507 feet; thence East to Section Line 410 feet; thence South on Section Line 507 feet to the point of beginning.

AND
A part of the NE/4 of the SE/4 of the SE/4 and a part of the SE/4 of the NE/4 of the SE/4, Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the SE/4 of said Section; thence North on the Section Line 1366 feet to the point of beginning; thence West 237 feet; thence South 173 feet; thence West 173 feet; thence North 507 feet; thence East 410 feet; thence South on the Section Line 334 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.006 acres, more or less.

Property Location: 2600 West 14th Street, Sulphur, Oklahoma
Use: For the Chickasaw Nation's Re-entry Program Facility

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Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 33-024
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS RECORDED

All of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 8 East, Less and Except the W/2 of W/2 of W/2 and Less and Except a tract described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SW/4 of SE/4 of said Section 5; thence N 89°48'40" E along the South line of said Section 5 a distance of 500.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 00°11'20" W a distance of 660.00 feet; thence N 89°48'40" E a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 00°11'40" E a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 89°48'40" W a distance of 660.00 feet to the point of beginning, County of Pontotoc, State of Oklahoma.

Being more particularly described in true North bearings as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 8 East of the I.B.M.; thence S 89°52'08" W along the South line of said Section 5 a distance of 1486.38 feet; thence N 00°07'52" W a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 89°52'08" W a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 00°07'52" E a distance of 660.00 feet; thence continuing S 89°52'08" W a distance of 1984.78 feet to the Southeast corner of the W/2 W/2 W/2 of said Section 5; thence N 00°11'22" E along the East line of the W/2 W/2 W/2 of said Section 5, a distance of 5303.88 feet to the Northeast corner of the W/2 W/2 W/2 of said Section 5; thence N 89°54'28" E a distance of 4622.45 feet to the Northeast corner of said Section 5; thence S 00°05'44" W a distance of 2651.34 feet to the East Quarter corner of said Section 5; thence continuing S 00°05'44" W a distance of 2649.36 feet to the point of beginning, containing 553.19 acres, more or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation's Kullihoma properties described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS RECORDED

All of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 8 East, Less and Except the W/2 of W/2 of W/2 and Less and Except a tract described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SW/4 of SE/4 of said Section 5; thence N 89°48'40" E along the South line of said Section 5 a distance of 500.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 00°11'20" W a distance of 660.00 feet; thence N 89°48'40" E a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 00°11'40" E a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 89°48'40" W a distance of 660.00 feet to the point of beginning, County of Pontotoc, State of Oklahoma.

Being more particularly described in true North bearings as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 8 East of the I.B.M.; thence S 89°52'08" W along the South line of said Section 5 a distance of 1486.38 feet; thence N 00°07'52" W a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 89°52'08" W a distance of 660.00 feet; thence S 00°07'52" E a distance of 660.00 feet; thence continuing S 89°52'08" W a distance of 500.00 feet to the South Quarter corner of said Section 5; thence continuing S 89°52'08" W a distance of 1984.78 feet to the Southeast corner of the W/2 W/2 W/2 of said Section 5; thence N 00°11'22" E along the East line of the W/2 W/2 W/2 of said Section 5, a distance of 5303.88 feet to the Northeast corner of the W/2 W/2 W/2 of said Section 5; thence N 89°54'28" E a distance of 4622.45 feet to the Northeast corner of said Section 5; thence S 00°05'44" W a distance of 2651.34 feet to the East Quarter corner of said Section 5; thence continuing S 00°05'44" W a distance of 2649.36 feet to the point of beginning, containing 553.19 acres, more or less.

Property Location: On County Road 1560 south of the Kullihoma Reservation properties, Ada, Oklahoma.

Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation's Kullihoma Reservation properties.

Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Permanent Resolution Number 33-004
Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Elections and Campaigns)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Legislature has previously enacted rules and procedures for elections and campaigns, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Legislature desires to amend those rules and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves and adopts the following amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, all other sections and parts of sections to remain the same (additions are shown in red, deletions are stricken through):

"SECTION 8-200.4 FILING FEE; VOTER LISTS.

E. Qualified Candidates and Candidate/teams, whether they draw an opponent(s) or not, shall each receive a computer printout and **USB Flash Drive (a.k.a. Jump Drive)** of the Voters List for the district or districts for which they are a Candidate. Such list shall contain, only, each Voter's name, address and zip code, in zip code order and Member ID Number and shall be available within five (5) days following the filing period. At that time, Candidates may compare their lists to the master list of their District(s) for accuracy. All qualified Candidates receiving such list shall, on the afternoon of the day after Voter registration closes, receive a list of the qualified Voters who were added up to the time registration closed. The updated Voters List shall include any and all status changes. There shall be no additional charge for the updated list. All such **USB Flash Drives** shall be formatted for operation in IBM compatible computers and current software.

G. The Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall personally review all Voters Lists and **USB Flash Drives** to insure that all Candidates are treated fairly and equitably with regard to Voter Lists and Voter information. Each Voters List distributed within a particular district shall be identical to others distributed within that district in the interest of fairness to a Candidate."

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on March 18, 2016, by a vote of 11 ayes, 1 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution amends the term "CD" to "USB Flash Drive" to reflect an upgrade in technology for the procedures of Chickasaw elections.

Presented By: Election Rules and Procedures Ad Hoc Committee



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Notre Dame outreach in Israel

Chickasaw scholar named to Jerusalem academic post

JERUSALEM – A Chickasaw historian has recently been appointed head of the academic department at a U.S. outreach facility in Jerusalem.

Robert O. Smith has been named academic director of Jerusalem Global Gateway. The appointment was announced by University of Notre Dame Vice President and Associate Provost for Internationalization J. Nicholas Entrikin.

Dr. Smith was promoted following a 15-month stint as acting director. As acting director, he was charged with enhancing the Nortre Dame undergraduate Study Abroad program.

The Jerusalem Global Gateway is part of the University of Notre Dame's world presence. The Jerusalem facility is one of five Global Gateway facilities throughout the world. The others are in Rome, Beijing, London and Dublin.

Each Global Gateway has dedicated staff who collaborate with their counterparts at Notre Dame's campus to support Notre Dame programs and outreach.

As academic director, Dr. Smith will work with his Notre Dame colleagues and other academic partners, both in the Middle East and other regions of the world. The mission of the program is to increase Notre Dame's international engagement. That engagement includes student programs, research, scholarly

conference and events, and a variety of outreach initiatives.

He is in charge of ensuring the

leverage his scholarly and administrative skills to increase opportunities for graduate students and faculty."

Dr. Smith serves as concurrent faculty at the University of Notre Dame Keogh School for Global Affairs Department of Theology.

Dr. Smith earned his doctorate from Baylor University. He earned a master's of divinity and a master's in Islamic Studies from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Smith is active in a number of Christian and interreligious forums. He volunteers as co-moderator of the Palestine-Israel Ecumenical Forum and is moderator of the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. He serves as a special advisor to president of the Lutheran World Federation Bishop Munib Younan.

Dr. Smith is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(ELCA).

He is the son of Cynthia Ann Nichols Smith Alexander. He is the grandson of Robert Eugene Nichols and the great-grandson of Joseph B. Nichols and Sara Gaines Lottie Stewart, an original enrollee.

Dr. Smith's wife, Carrie, is also a Lutheran pastor. The couple has two sons, Caleb, 17, and Zion, 15.



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Chickasaw Tennis Team honored



Team Chickasaw, a group of Chickasaw tennis players who play tournaments statewide, recently attended the U.S. Tennis Association-Oklahoma Awards Presentation and Hall of Fame Induction. The event was February at the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Team Chickasaw members are, from left, Christian Siegle, Lauren Burden, Landon Swopes, Reece Siegle and Jaron Tiger. Team Chickasaw is coached by Carolyn Nimmo and Terry Swopes.

Program recognized for diversity

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation tennis program has recently been recognized by the U.S. Tennis Association-Oklahoma.

The tribal tennis program received the Outstanding Diversity Achievement Award during the USTA-Oklahoma Awards Presentation and Hall of Fame Induction. The event was February 6 at the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

The Chickasaw Nation tennis program features a one-week camp each summer in Ada. The program has grown to over 100 players from across the Chickasaw Nation.

The camp is overseen by Carolyn Nimmo and Terry Swopes. Participants have nine total instructors and eight courts on which to practice. The camp provides rackets, balls, snacks and lunch.

The camp has been successful enough for Team Chickasaw to emerge. Team Chickasaw is a group of young Chickasaw players who play in tournaments across the region. The team has traveled to Kansas City to play in the National Native American Tournament.

Additionally, Team Chickasaw plays in the Jim Thorpe Games and several district tournaments.



Chickasaw girl named Ada High RUSH queen

Ada (OK) High School RUSH Queen Lauren Burden is pictured with RUSH King A.J. Steele. Lauren, a Chickasaw, was named queen after she raised \$3,000 for the Children's Miracle Network.



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Chickasaw Art Market set for April 30 in Tishomingo

Chickasaw Art Market and Cultural Day

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TISHOMINGO, Okla. – The Chickasaw Art Market and Cultural Day is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 30 at North Fisher and Eighth Streets in Tishomingo.

There will be Chickasaw and other Native American artwork available for sale. Cultural “make-and-take” classes will also be conducted.

Attendees will enjoy stickball games and stomp dances. The

Chickasaw Press will be offering books for sale.

The movie “First Encounter” will be shown.

Everyone can enjoy a free Indian taco or hamburger basket from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Chickasaw Art Market and Cultural Day is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Museums and Historic Sites.

For more information, call (580) 371-3351.

‘Read Across America’



Children celebrated Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss’ birthday March 2, at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center. Adorned with paper hats to resemble that of the well-known character, children listened to Dr. Seuss books read by The Cat in the Hat himself.

Hays recognized as Chickasaw Foundation Donor of the Month

Patricia (Trisha) Fowler Hays, her husband Phil and their family are proud to support three educational scholarships through the Chickasaw Foundation.

The first scholarship Mrs. Hays supported was in 2005 to commemorate the life of her mother, Lillian Blackwood Fowler. The Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship was established by Gov. Bill Anoatubby in partnership with Mrs. Hays’ family and her four siblings.

This scholarship honors the sterling service Mrs. Fowler provided the Chickasaw Nation as one of the first Community Health Representatives (CHR) and Nutritionist. The Hays family said their mother would be honored and proud to know her scholarship has helped support many Chickasaw students on their educational journeys over the past 10 years. The family believes, Mrs. Hays said, that it is a worthwhile endeavor to



TRISHA HAYS

promote education and keep their mother’s legacy and memory alive.

Chickasaw Foundation executive director Johnna R. Walker and staff worked with the Hays family to establish two additional educational scholarships: The Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship and the Patricia Hays and Phillip Gregory Hays Educational Scholarship.

The Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship, created in 2008, memorializes Phil and Trisha Hays’ late daughter, and Greg’s sister, Stacie. Stacie received financial assistance from the Chickasaw Nation while pursuing a teaching degree. After graduation, she was a talented special education teacher in Little Rock, Ark. Her career path changed when she accepted a summer marketing job with a personnel agency. Later, she became the owner of a personnel service in South Carolina.

Stacie, the family said, always

had a “knack” for making people feel special. The late poet and author Maya Angelou wrote, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” The family said this quote could’ve been written to describe Stacie.

Stacie was proud of her Chickasaw heritage, loved her family and valued education. Her family believed it was only fitting to honor her memory while promoting education for Chickasaw students. Stacie, the family said, would be proud to know she is memorialized by supporting deserving Chickasaw students through this scholarship.

The Patricia and Phillip Gregory

Hays Educational Scholarship, created in 2014, is supported by the Hays family. Both Trisha and Greg benefited from the Chickasaw Nation education grants and believe it is important to give back. Trisha had full support from the Chickasaw Nation higher education grants with her undergraduate degree. Her son, Greg, also received assistance from the Chickasaw Nation higher education grants.

While attending East Central University in Ada, Greg worked for the Chickasaw Nation. Trisha earned a master’s degree in Educational Administration, and Greg earned a master’s degree in Business Administration.

As proud Chickasaws, they both have appreciation for the financial

support from the Chickasaw Nation. In efforts to preserve their goal of “supporting education,” they decided it was appropriate to return the favor by becoming scholarship donors.

Their family realizes a gift can establish a chain of philanthropy that will extend far beyond their lifetimes. Hopefully this gift will create a “lasting legacy” of giving back.

“What a joy it is to see the scholarship recipients’ excitement and delight when they receive their awards at the annual Chickasaw Foundation awards ceremony,” Trisha said. “No doubt, education is the key in preserving our Chickasaw greatness.”

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April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

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Child abuse or maltreatment is something that many people don't like to imagine. A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds in the U.S., and an average between four and five children die each day because of abuse and neglect. The effects on adults who have survived child abuse include depression, suicide attempts and increased risk for intimate partner violence. In a study of 21-year-olds who reported being abused as children, published by Child Abuse & Neglect Journal, 80 percent met the criteria for at least one psychological disorder. "It is better to report and have the issue assessed," Chickasaw Nation Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) Amy Ward said., "Our program is more about prevention, rehabilitation and helping families than the removal of children." One of the reasons given for not reporting is fear of being wrong that results in a child removed from his or her family.

Struggles a family may face that could lead to a referral for help, and not necessarily removal, include:

- Inability to maintain home, utilities, or food.
- Caregiver facing a challenge, which may affect the ability to fully care for a child.
- Substance abuse or addiction.
- Involved in a violent relationship, which is not always physical.
- Mental health issue, such as depression.

The Chickasaw Nation offers many programs to strengthen families, including counseling services, parenting classes and support through each stage of a child's life. Various assessments are also available. Sometimes what seems to be abuse or neglect could be a result of a behavioral health issue with the child. "Prevention is always our first response," Ms. Ward said. "We make referrals that will treat the whole family, after we discover the root of the problem."

Abuse in children, just as with adults, does not always produce bruises or broken bones. In fact, according to a report by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), emotional abuse and emotional and physical neglect occur more often than physical and sexual abuse combined. Warning signs of neglect:

- Extremely dirty hair/clothes
- Constantly hungry
- Often misses school
- No one to pick up the child from school, or other activities
- Poor dental health, visible tooth disease

Each person has a responsibility to report when there is suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child. Legal statute make reporting abuse or neglect a requirement in Okla-

homa, as well as many other states. To report suspicion of abuse or neglect of any Native American child, contact Chickasaw Nation Family Support at (580) 272-5550, or call the National Child Abuse hotline at 1-800-4-A-Child, (800) 422-4453. It is normal to occasionally feel overwhelmed. The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services offers programs and services that encourage individuals and

families to overcome the challenges life may throw at them. Counseling and assessment services are available to Chickasaw Nation residents through Chickasaw Nation Strong Family Development. For appointments and information about services, call (580) 436-1222. Medical Family Therapists are available at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, as well as satellite clinics. For more information about those services, call (580) 421-4591. For batterer's intervention services and information relating to domestic violence or sexual assault, contact Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention at (580) 272-5580. CONTRIBUTED BY Tamara Roberts Public Affairs.

Children's Fair April 16 at Agri-plex

The Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair began in the parking lot of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility on a rainy Saturday in April, 2001. In the years following, the annual event hosting food, games, family fun and information has been at the Pontotoc County Agri-plex. The 2016 Children's Fair marks the 15th annual and is scheduled from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. This event creates awareness about child abuse and encourage prevention. For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at Deanna.Carpitche@Chickasaw.net or by calling (580) 421-8734.

Tribe, WomenHeart join forces to fight heart disease

ADA, Okla. - Two Chickasaw Nation employees will draw on personal experience to help area women facing heart disease. Celeste Sweet and Gerri Chambers will lead support groups 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the first Native American hospital in the country to be accepted into the WomenHeart support group alliance. Ms. Sweet and Ms. Chambers both suffer from heart disease, and both have learned to lead healthier lives and manage their disease. They are now volunteering their time, training and expertise to help other women with the disease. Both women received extensive training last year at the Mayo Clinic to prepare them to serve as support group leaders for WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. Governor Bill Anoatubby said the support groups were a significant part of the tribe's efforts to provide comprehensive health care services. "Health care goes much deeper



Gerri Chambers, left, and Celeste Sweet will serve as community support group leaders for WomenHeart, a program offered by the Chickasaw Nation to assist women who are suffering from heart disease. The group will meet at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center every third Thursday at 6 p.m. Women will learn how to lead healthier lives, how to manage their condition and received educational material. The group's first next meeting in April 21 in the Purple Conference Room at the medical center.

than prescribing medication or performing surgical procedures," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Health care covers a wide spectrum of efforts to care for the person as a

whole. We are very pleased to be part of these support groups because this effort to bring women together to fight heart disease is a great example of that principle."

Support groups are designed to help educate women about the disease and provide emotional support. Diet, exercise, emotional well-being and recipes are among the topics that will be discussed in the meetings. WomenHeart group sessions are open to all women with heart disease. Heather Summers, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Undersecretary for Operations, said 44 million women in America are either living with or are at risk of heart disease and more than 10,000 Native American women die each year of heart-related illnesses. Due to the high incidence of heart disease among Native American women, the Chickasaw Nation will provide an all-inclusive health education outreach program which encompasses prevention, follow-up and care treatment for its clients. For more information about WomenHeart support groups, email beth.cartwright@chickasaw.net or telephone (580) 559-0880. CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, Media Relations.

Foster Grandparent program taking applications

The Chickasaw Nation is accepting volunteers for a new foster grandparent program. The program is in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). To be a foster grandparent volunteer, participants must be age 55 and older and be willing to offer guidance, support and education to youth in the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Centers. The program encourages volunteers to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities. For more information or applications, please contact the Department of Education at (580) 421-7711 or go to www.chickasaw.net.



Ben Willis and Rick Dobbs

Chickasaw Honor Guard presents colors in Ardmore

Ben Willis and Rick Dobbs, of the Chickasaw Honor Guard, present the colors at the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Banquet February 12.

Plein Air Oil Painting workshop offered at Artesian

SULPHUR, Okla. - The ARTesian Gallery & Studios is hosting Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 22-24. This class will introduce attendees to painting outdoors in Sulphur. All participants must have drawing and color mixing experience. For more information, contact the Artesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040.

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My friend, Rain, wants to share this *oka'* joke with you: Why is the letter T like an island? Because it's in the middle of water!

The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program has started a community garden in Ada. To reserve a row for your family or learn more, call (580) 272-3997 Share your family's favorite activities with Mr. Eagle and his friends! Visit www.eagleadventure.com or call (580) 272-5596 to leave a message.

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Kenneth M. ‘Choctaw’ Heffington



Kenneth M. “Choctaw” Heffington, 59, of Waurika, Okla., passed from this life Monday, February 22, 2016, at his home. He was born July 10, 1956, in Dumas, Texas, to Vernon Melton and Lillian Katherine (Killman) Heffington.

He was married to Bonita Jean Barnes on July 20, 1974, in Amarillo, Texas. He was a security guard, and a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Bonita, of the home in Waurika, Okla.; a son, Jason M. Heffington, of Waurika; a daughter, Jennifer M. Heffington, of Dickson, Okla.; a brother, Larry Heffington; and three grandchildren, Dawson Porterfield, Brianna Porterfield, and Lillian Heffington.

A memorial service was Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the Dudley Funeral Home Chapel in Waurika, with Pastor Sharon Jones officiating.

Ronald Larry Hicks



Ronald Larry Hicks, a resident of Achille, Okla., and beloved family member, joined his Maker in heaven on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the age of 58. Mr. Hicks was born on August 30, 1957 in Arcadia, Texas to L.D. and Bernice (Mansell) Hicks. He married his first love, Barbara Hagler, on December 3, 1979.

Ronald loved being outdoors, fishing, and camping. He loved God’s word and was always finding ways to share it with others. He cherished his grandchildren and always looked forward to the time he spent with them.

Mr. Hicks was preceded in death by his parents, Bernice and L.D. Hicks, and brother, Gene Raymond.

Mr. Hicks is survived by a son, Ronald Hicks, Jr., of Achille, Okla.; two daughters, Melissa Gaskin and husband, Adrian, of Denison, Texas, and Haley Armstrong and husband, Eric, of LaMarque, Texas; grandchildren, AJ Jr., Alexis, DJ, and Ma-leah Gaskin, of Denison, and Braxton and Zoe Armstrong, of LaMarque; six brothers, Dale Hicks, of Texas City, Texas, De-Loyd Hicks and wife, Ironda, of Achille, Tommy Hicks and wife, Darlene, of Achille, Cecil Hicks and wife, Jocelyn, of Hitchcock, Texas, Kenny Hicks and wife, Elizabeth, of San Antonio, Texas, and Donald Hicks and wife, Maureen, of New Caney, Texas; two sisters, Wanitha Tucker and husband, Craig, of Ingram, Texas, and Gale Roden and husband, Charlie, of Algoa, Texas; a nephew, Donald Gene Hicks, of Humble, Texas; niece, Mauriah Morris, of Kingwood, Texas, who had a very special place in his heart; numerous other nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ronald had a lot of lifelong friends that became a part of his family.

Honorary pallbearers were Donald Hicks, Ronald Hicks, Jr., Cecil Hicks, Tommy Hicks, De-Loyd Hicks, Kenny Hicks, Dale Hicks, and Donald Gene Hicks. His final resting place was Yarnaby Cemetery, Yarnaby, Okla.

Ahnawake Jefferson Taylor



Ahnawake Jefferson Taylor, age 73, passed away peacefully at her home in Madill, Okla., on March 7, 2016. She was born on April 12, 1942, to Spencer Jefferson and Dudie Mae (Lewis) Jefferson, in Talihina, Okla.

Ahnawake enjoyed singing gospel music, sewing, working puzzles with her grandchildren, and working in the garden. Ahnawake always loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and talking on the phone with friends. She also enjoyed going to Durwood Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Cecil Glenn Taylor; son, Douglas Jefferson; two granddaughters, Kara Sampson, and Stormy Lusk; and brother, W.C. Ned.

Ahnawake is survived by four sons, Richard G. Taylor and wife, Lorene, of Ardmore, Okla., Tody Taylor and wife, Shera, of Madill, Okla., Joe Taylor, of Tulsa, Okla., and Jon Taylor and wife, Jen, of Ardmore; three daughters: Gail Taylor and husband, Michael, of Madill, Amber Taylor, of Madill, and Joyce Sampson, and husband, Johnny, of Ardmore; two sisters-in-law: Josephine Taylor, and Pauline Taylor, of Madill; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 11, 2016, in The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest with Pastor Steve Wall officiating. Interment followed in Durwood Cemetery.

Those serving as pallbearers were J.R. Bowden, Nick Ashley, Kyle Hallmark, Steven Mose, Tim Scott and Ryan Taylor.

Melba June Morin Burnett



Melba June Morin Burnett died November 16, 2015 in Casa Grande, Ariz.

Melba was a Chickasaw citizen, and was proud of it. She was born February 7, 1934 on her mother’s allotment land in Tabler, Okla. She lived there until 1947 when her family moved to Thatcher, Ariz.

Melba completed her schooling in 1952 at Thatcher High School.

Melba was preceded in death by her parents, Otto Earl Morin and Ola Owens Morin; her grandmother, Molly Underwood Owens; grandfather, Neely Owens; her two brothers, Vern Morin and Harold Morin; and her son, Kevin Burnett.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bill Burnett, of Casa Grande, Ariz.; son, Jack Burnett, of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; daughter, Melba Dawn Kermode, and grandson, Ashtaun Kermode, of Casa Grande; three step grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren who she thought of as her own.

A celebration of life service for Melba was on January 16, 2016 at the First Assembly of God church in Casa Grande, Ariz. Her nephew, Rev. Jim O. Burnett officiated the service. Final resting place is in the Thatcher Cemetery in the Thatcher, Ariz.

Deborah Jean Forrester Gilley Bennett



Deborah Jean Forrester Gilley Bennett, 69, of Amarillo, Texas, died Saturday, December 26, 2015. Deborah was born on February 5, 1946 in Vernon, Texas to W.M. “Arvin” Sr., and Oleta Churchwell.

She was the head cheerleader, and member of Caprock High School’s original graduating class in 1963. She then went on to Amarillo College and graduated from Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing in 1981. Deborah was a trauma nurse at Northwest Texas Hospital from 1981 to 1986, and then pursued her career in patient care utilization review until retiring and moving to Ajijic, Mexico, and returning to Amarillo in 2012. Deborah enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. She also loved remodeling projects, old western movies, and was an avid reader. There was not a project that she was not afraid to take on.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers.

She is survived by a son, Barry Forrester and wife, Donna, of Amarillo; two daughters, Andrea Shields and husband, Terry, of Parker, Colo., and Amy Melton and husband, Joe, of San Antonio; and one sister, Zelda Perry, of Coalgate, Okla.

Memorial Services were at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 6, 2016 at LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Coulter Road Chapel. Arrangements were made by LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors, 8310 S. Coulter.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Bobby Dan Pickens

Bobby Dan Pickens, 54, of Stonewall, Okla., passed away Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, at an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born April 16, 1961, in Talihina, to Billy Gene and Naomi Faye Greenwood Pickens.

He attended Latta grade school, and Stonewall and Tupelo high schools. He married Tammy Wanette Riddles. She preceded him in death in 2011.

Mr. Pickens was a roughneck in the oilfield industry until his retirement. He was also a bull rider and participated in many rodeos.

Survivors include a son, Dalton Dakota Dan Pickens, of Duncan, Okla.; two daughters, Felisha Holman, of Little Axe, Okla., and Alisha Pickens, of Oklahoma City; ; his father, Billy Gene Pickens, of Stonewall; four sisters, Patty Pickens, of Stonewall, Sandra Kay Johns, of Pontotoc, Okla., Nancy Lewis, of Oklahoma City, and Billie Jo Simpson, of Shawnee, Okla.; a brother, Billy Gene Pickens, Jr., of Ada, Okla.; step-brother, Michael Wayne Story, of Holden-ville, Okla.; two step-sisters, Judy Cloud, of Ada, and Rolanda Hamilton, of Stonewall; five grandchildren, Landon Gutierrez, Peyton Gutierrez, Tammy Gutierrez, Sutton Gutierrez, and Dillon Pickens; and several nieces and nephews, Anthony Lewis, Jr. “Bufford”, Zac Lewis, Mateo “Tater” Gutierrez, Angel “Honest” Gutierrez, and Gloria “Jean” Gutierrez.

Services were at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery in Stonewall. Bearers were William Griffith, Lloyd Burk, Don Bray, Jr., Warren Riddles, Scotty Gibson, and Jayden Morse.

A Wake Service was at Criswell Funeral Home.

Betty Cornelius Nelson Rennke



Betty Rennke, loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, departed this life February 22, 2016 to be with Jesus, family, and friends who had gone before.

Betty was born on June 15, 1921 to Samuel and Lilly Nelson in Antlers, Okla. During World War II, she worked at the Douglas Aircraft plant in Oklahoma City as a dispatcher/delivery person. In August of 1952, she met Fred Rennke, an Air Force sergeant, at a gathering for the tip toppers club (club for tall people) in Del City, Okla., and after six weeks, they eloped and remained married for 49 years, until Fred’s death in 2001.

Betty and Fred resided for 40 years in Amarillo, Texas, a place she always loved for its many wonderful people and for its beauty. In 2007, Betty moved to Ada, Okla., and then to Mesquite, Texas to be nearer to family.

She was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, worked as a bookkeeper, and later, owner/president of her bookkeeping company for 40-plus years. She loved her family, friends, being active and involved with many charities and organizations including, the Make a Wish Foundation, the Amarillo Little Theater and the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and a past president of its Amarillo chapter.

Her favorite book in the Bible was Romans, and her favorite verse was Chapter 8, Verse 28: “And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.”

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers, and three sisters.

She is survived by her children, Ron Rennke, of Grand Junction, Colo., David Rennke, of Mesquite, Texas, and Bruce Rennke, of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Wendy, Wayne, Codi, Kendal, and Ninoska; great grandchildren, Collyn, Preston, and Harper; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, and numerous friends.

A Memorial and Celebration of Life service was at the First United Methodist Church of Mesquite at 300 N. Galloway in Mesquite, Texas at 11 a.m. on March 5, 2016. Reverend David Weber officiated.

She was laid to rest in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas next to her husband, Fred.

For a memorial, the family suggests quality time with those you love, forgiving completely and contributing to the charity or cause of your choosing. God Bless All.

Jack Walton Graham



Jack Walton Graham was born August 25, 1924 in Woodville, Okla. He passed away peacefully at his home in Denison, Texas on November 22, 2015 at the age of 91.

Jack was a World War II veteran of the United States Marine Corps based at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif., serving as Private First Class in Company “B”, 2nd Aviation Engineer Battalion. He was a brave marine who was eager to enlist in the military at the young age of 17. Jack served in the war from 1942-1945 on Guadalcanal, Guam and Iwo Jima. He drove a TD8 Dozer and helped build the air strip at Guadalcanal, and Iwo Jima. At the “Battle of Iwo Jima” he witnessed Marines raise the American flag on Mt. Suribachi.

After honorary discharge from the Marine Corps, Jack married his sweetheart Betty Jo, and moved to Dallas where he pursued a 35-year career with Merchants Fast Motor Freight earning many awards for exemplary safe driving. After retiring from Merchants, he drove the special needs bus for Denison Independent School District for 10 years. The children held a special place in his heart.

Jack was the last surviving son of Josephine Brown Graham, original newborn enrollee in the Chickasaw Nation. His grandfather was full-blood Chickasaw, Joe Brown, of Woodville, Okla. He was the uncle to Chickasaw Nation employees Mary Hartley-Apodaca, Princess Coordinator, Linda Hartley, Receptionist at CN Child Development Center, and former Attorney General for the Chickasaw Nation, Deanna Hartley-Kelso.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Betty Jo (Johnson) Graham; preceding her death, married Billy Lou (Jones) Graham; mother, Josephine (Brown) Graham; father, Richard Graham; sisters, Edith Ford, Betty Stephens, Willie Lee Frye; brothers, John and Robert Graham; and step-son George Jones.

He is survived by his daughter, Jean Ellen Currie; step-daughter, Jennifer Jones; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Jack was a humble, kind and gentle man who loved his friends and family dearly. He had an amazing work ethic and took pride in his independence, living on his own until he was 90 years old. He enjoyed playing the slots at Choctaw and eating at his favorite local diner “Nicks.” He will be greatly missed by all, and we know he is rejoicing with our Lord in Heaven.





Tom Bush
Business Development Director

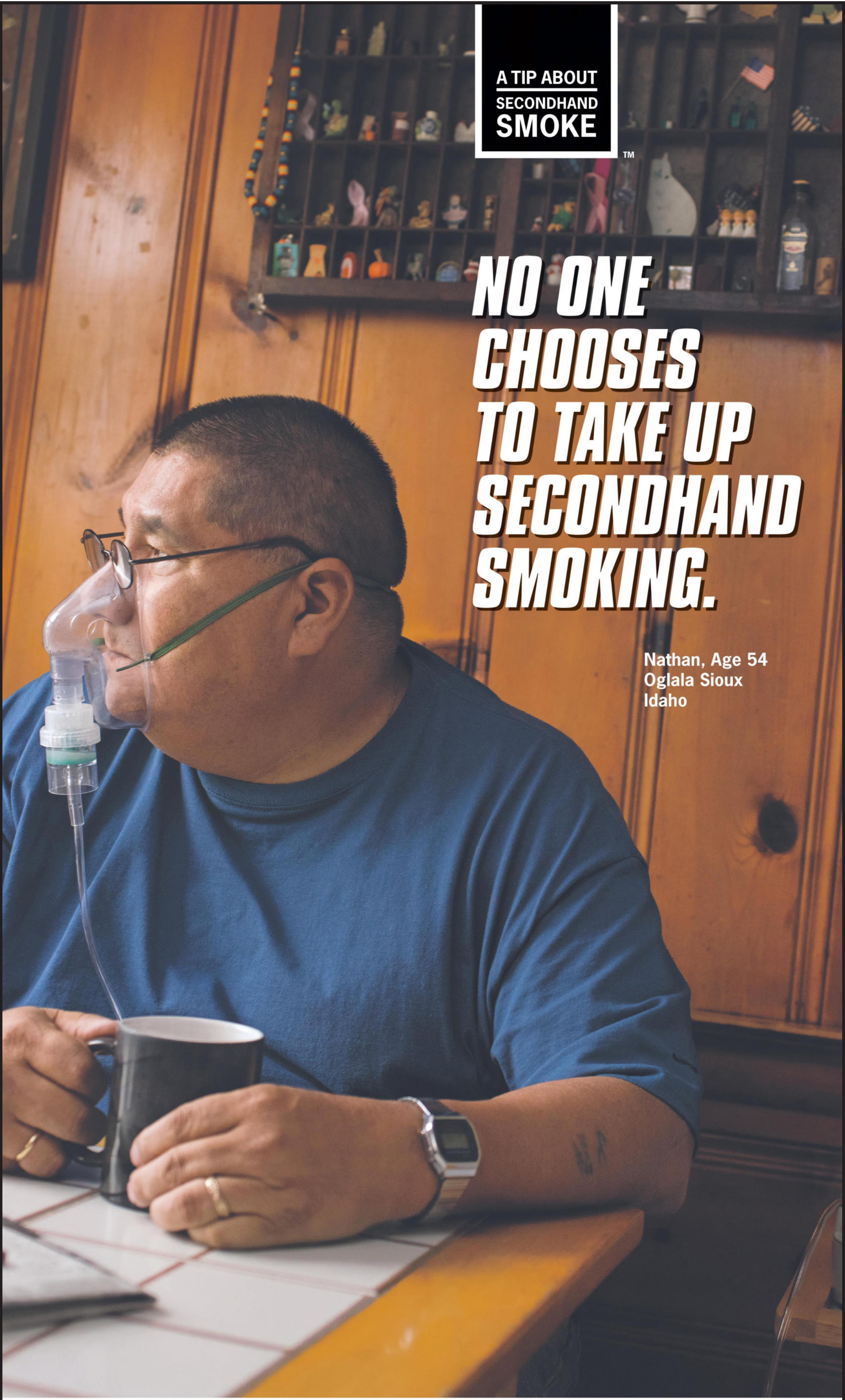
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